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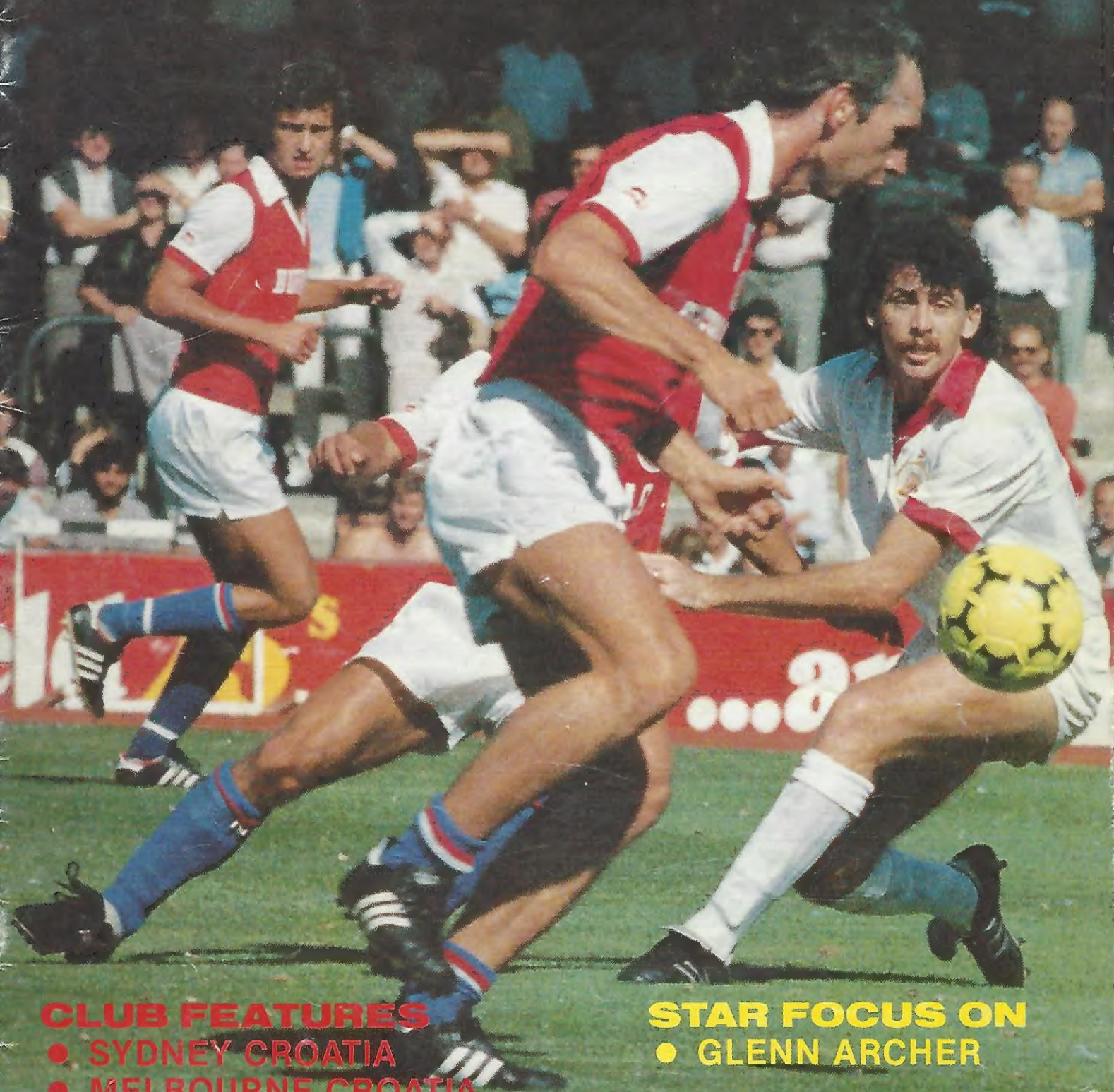
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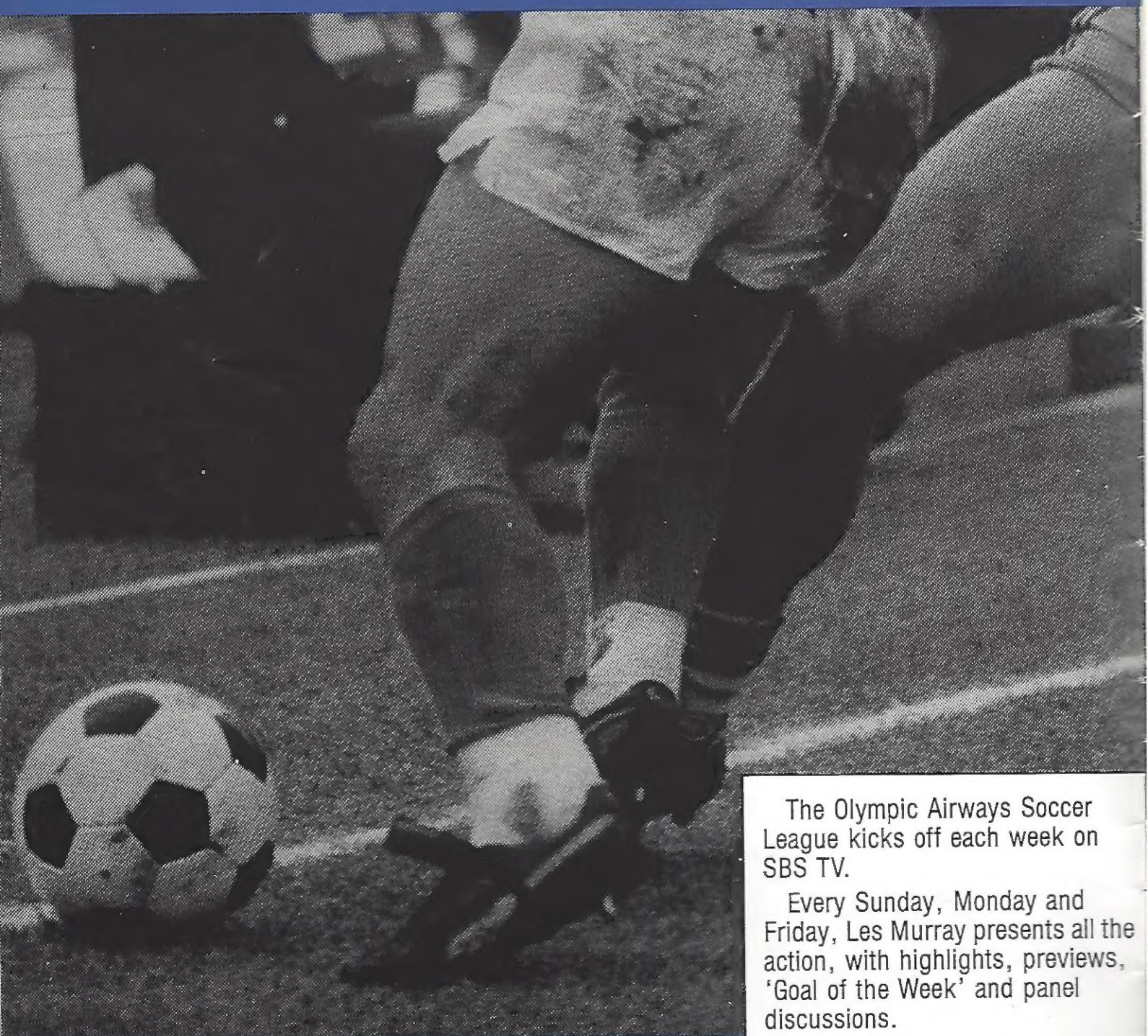
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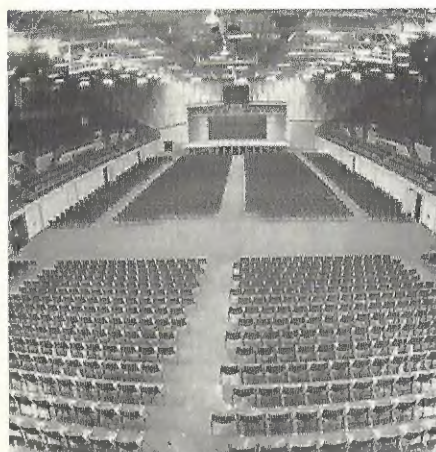
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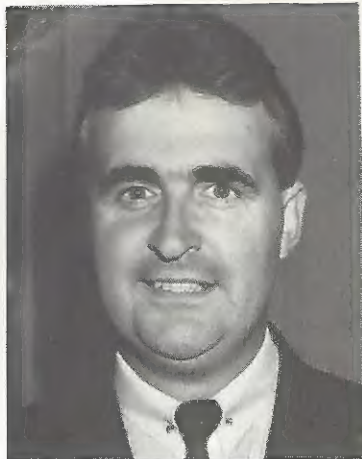
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# FROM THE EXECUTIVE

**W**ith the reduction in clubs to fourteen (14) for next year, the 1986 OASL has certainly kicked off in great style. Crowds have, on the whole, been good, the standard of play at times has been most impressive, and clubs such as Wollongong and Footscray have emerged as early season pace-setters, with more fancied clubs languishing down the table.

I foresee the continuation of this promising start, with a few surprises by the end of the season.

Congratulations to Frank Arok on his reappointment as National Coach, following his magnificent efforts in recent years, which culminated in our most successful World Cup campaign. Frank has yet to appoint his assistant, but it goes without saying that his partnership with Eddie Thomson is bound to continue. We wish them well on their campaign to qualify for the Olympic Games in Seoul in 1988.

Another partnership to continue is that of Vic Dalgliesh and Bruce Stowell. Last year they took the National Under-16 team to China and came close to becoming World Champions. Once again they have been appointed for the next campaign which begins in December in Taipei culminating, if successful, in the finals in June 1987 in Canada.

Last but not least, it's great to see Les Scheinflug back on the international scene following his appointment as National Youth Team Coach. His partnership with Raul Blanco will not be seen this time — Raul is presently coaching in South America — so it will be interesting to see who his assistant will be.

The World Youth Championship Finals are to be held in Chile in June, 1987 with the qualifying matches scheduled for New Zealand next January.

NSM wishes Les, and indeed all the other National Coaches, well in their respective campaigns to further implant Australia as a recognised soccer nation.

The National Team is scheduled to meet Czechoslovakia in a three match series later this year. On Sunday 3rd August the team's meet in Melbourne, the second

match being played three days later in Adelaide, with the final match on Sunday, 10th August, in Sydney.

In order to accommodate these matches the League will need to alter some of its matches. It will be necessary therefore to move Round 16 to 27th July leaving 3rd and 10th August for Round 17 and the Nanda Cup Semi-Finals. Further details will be provided at a later date.

## TV COVERAGE EXTENDED

I mentioned last month that the OASL television coverage has been extended to not only increase the airplay given by SBS Television, but to increase the recognition by metropolitan and country commercial networks.

This improvement has come about as a result of our association with HM Productions and the initiative of HMP boss, Harry Michaels, who seems to work at full speed seven days a week.

Harry's latest project is to put to air 'live' some OASL or Nanda Cup matches during the year, with the kick-off delayed to 5.00 pm so as not to conflict with other matches.

In fact all was in readiness for the Round 4 Sydney Croatia Vs



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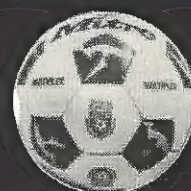


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APIA-Leichhardt clash, but unfortunately because of technical hitches, SBS Television had to postpone the venture to another day.

We would be interested, though, on your thoughts on some matches going to air 'live' between 5.00 pm and 7.00 pm on Sunday evenings, as well as the idea of moving the 'Match of the Day' programme to that timeslot instead of 10.30 pm.

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**National Soccer Monthly welcomes reader's letters — if possible less than 300 words long. — Ed.**

## OFF THE POST

### ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL

Having recently discovered "National Soccer Monthly" congratulations on a fine publication! It's very interesting to read the letters and articles which show the popularity and the variety of support of the game in Australia.

I would make two points concerning the identity of the game and the teams in it.

First, I wince every time I hear the word Soccer instead of its correct name — Association Football. It amazes me that in the world's most popular code of football, Australia insists on calling it a second rate slang name — soccer! The derivation of soccer is Association — **Assoc** — soccer. With other codes emphasising their claim to the name of football we are doing our game a dis-service by using slang.

As the SBS TV song goes "Soccer, Soccer, Soccer the Real Football". Why don't we call it football in our official names?

Secondly the identify problem exists with the use of team names such as Polonia, Hellas, Croatia etc., which have obvious and understandable overseas origins. Understandable as their use is, it's like trying to attract crowds in Rome with a team called Wollongong! We must learn to market our game for an Australian public using local Australian names. This will become increasingly the case as younger generations grow up in Australia.

One great thing in our game is how there has been recognition of the skills of our players regardless of ethnic background. This is particularly obvious at national level where there is no dispute that the players are

Australian playing for an Australian public, and the sooner this attitude reaches club level the greater appeal there will be for the crowds to return.

Here's another subscriber to "National Soccer (Football?) Monthly"!

*John Mold  
Adelaide, SA*

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Santos, Brasil*

### INTEGRATION

I'm an Anglo-Australian junior soccer player who recently joined a big Greek soccer club.

When I first joined the team I was fairly apprehensive because the coach could only speak a few words of English and the team's committee was about the same.

Some people warned me not to join because I was the wrong nationality and wouldn't get picked in the team. But, I was soon accepted by the team and have had one of my best season's ever.

Although there have been a few communications problems, where I missed a game because I didn't understand their message, most of the season has gone very well.

Perhaps other Anglo players might be heartened by my experience.

*Martin Shevels  
Eltham, Victoria*



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# Northern Youth League

## FIGHT TO QUALIFY FOR CHILE '87

In 1986 the Youth League will play a vital part in the OASL clubs' fight to qualify in the 'final 14' for 1987 as well as form the basis of the Australian U19 side to qualify for Chile in 1987.

The AIS have proved they are the team to beat in 1986 with 29 goals already, prompting Jimmy Shoulder to announce this to be his best side ever. 'Kodak Kid' Gareth Navin has shone for the Institute along with Paul Trimboli who has grabbed 7 goals, and both look strong possibilities for the Australian U19 side.

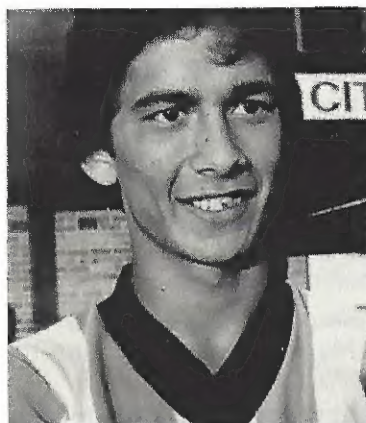
Leichhardt's sound youth policy has paid off so far this year and through the likes of Vince Speranza with four goals have moved to second spot. First team coach Rale Rasic may well need to call on his youngsters as the OASL becomes fiercely competitive later in the year.

In 1985 Sydney City led by coach Geoff Harcombe won the Australian Grand Final against Heidelberg. Traditionally a club that believes in its youngsters the Slickers will once again be looking for honours at both senior and youth level. Players to watch will be Fabian Saccilotto and Jeff Briggs in the back four and Abbas Saad in the front line.

Alongside AIS, St. George are the most exciting team to watch in the League. In particular the midfield talents of Theo Kotsias and the goalscoring exploits of Scott Ollerenshaw have torn opposing defences apart already this season. Craig Moffitt has been promoted to the first team with instant success and this dynamic duo of Kotsias and Ollerenshaw may not be far behind.

Canberra have produced the likes of Manis Lamond in recent times, advancing through the youth side before hitting the spotlight. This season Canberra

*By Alistair Russell*



*Ean Rodrigues, Sydney City.*

boasts such outstanding talents as Gus Cerro, Gardner Murray, Craig Weldon and Tony Lemazina, and although travelling fifth are favoured to be one of the more likely sides to challenge AIS for the top spot.

Despite going down 5-0 in their opening game against AIS Olympic seem to have found two excellent players in Jason Bennett and Nick Oustambasidis. Olympic's tilt at the championship may hinge on how this duo performs.

Although Blacktown struggled in 1985 they produced the Player of the Year in Sean Fudge. In '86 they will have to rely strongly on Fudge, Matthew Burke and Mark Moffitt to push into the finals.

'Veterans' Zlatko Markovski and Alfredo Carmona seem to have been in the Marconi Youth side forever yet they are both U19 and Carmona has already bagged three goals this season.

In Paul Jones the Leopards have arguably the best reserve custodian in the country and young Chris Ackerley up front should improve the Italian club's position later in the season.

Croatia may struggle this season but the bright prospects out Edensor Park way may be Bernard Voloder and Tony Krslovic who have been turning in strong games.

Steve Badger and Wayne Lowe have been outstanding for the unpredictable Wolves this year. In 1984 Wollongong finished last, in 1985 they won the championship — 1986 who knows?

Inter-Monaro have already been whipped in early matches this year, however, a win in their last game and the future form of Mark Whithear and Geoff Cates could be decisive in whether they improve and challenge for honours.

Newcastle have always qualified for the semis, however, some poor performances this year have anchored the Raiders near the bottom. Scott Harrison and Gavin Parry in defence along with Tony Gascoine up front all played well, but the entire side must produce more goals in order to make the play offs.

Unfortunately, Canterbury as the newest side to the League have found the going tough this year, although recent results would suggest they are coming to grips with the difficult standard of competition.

*Below: Manis Lamond, Sydney Croatia.*





# NORTHERN



**John Taylor** is a sports writer with the *Daily and Sunday Telegraph* in Sydney. He specialises in cricket and soccer. Taylor first became involved in soccer in the historical year when Rale Rasic's Socceroos qualified for the 1974 World Cup finals. But it was not until the following year that he became chief soccer writer for both papers.

His first mission for the News Limited Group was covering the national team's 1976 world tour. He went overseas to Asia with the socceroos in 1977 when Jimmy Shoulder's team was unsuccessful in the World Cup qualifying campaign.

Then followed a tour of India with the Australian team in 1979.

He says covering the Socceroos controversial 1980 world tour when Rudi Gutendorf was in charge will stick in his mind for a long time. Taylor says that Gutendorf was a pressman's dream.

His next major soccer trip was to Mexico for the 1983 World Youth Championship finals when Les Scheinflug had control of the Young Socceroos.

He closely followed Australia's gallant but unsuccessful latest World Cup venture under coach Frank Arok which ended with that very memorable draw against Scotland in Melbourne.

**A**ustralian soccer fans most likely haven't heard of a club in Argentina called Docksud — but they will surely remember a coach by the name of Raul Blanco.

The affable South American could easily have been coaching Canterbury Marrickville Olympic in the Olympic Airways NSL northern division this year except that he returned home for family reasons.

Blanco received his share of setbacks while coaching NSL clubs but his luck appears to be changing.

His good friend Les Scheinflug caught up with him last month when the Marconi coach went overseas to seek recruits.

Scheinflug was overjoyed to hear that Blanco was performing very well with his third division club in Buenos Aires and looking a good prospect for promotion.

"Raul was advised not to take on the Italian-based club," says Scheinflug. "I believe the Argentinian President Julio Grondona told Raul that it was a suicide job because the club had no money and never achieved anything.

"Raul has made the President eat his words by producing the results.

"His team draws anything from 15,000 to 20,000 people to home matches." Blanco has another interest apart from soccer. "He is in partnership with his brother in a smallgoods business", said Scheinflug.

"Raul lives modestly and has not lost his appetite," Scheinflug laughed. "One night we went out for dinner and ordered chicken shaslik. I could not believe the size of the servings. One meal was enough for two people. Raul said that if I was having trouble he could help me out. He was always a good eater.

"Raul is being smothered with love by his family but I do believe he'll return to Australia one day."

Scheinflug said that the trip was most beneficial in establishing contacts for the future.

"It was a very hectic trip," he said.

He watched matches in Uruguay and Argentina, including the big clash between River Plate and Boca Juniors.

"The atmosphere was absolutely electrifying and such is the rivalry between the supporters that I couldn't leave the ground for some time after River Plate had won.

"It is interesting that the under 19s play before the first division games. They are allowed

five over-age players and these teams have some good skills.

"During my travels I saw so many fast and skilful players who had outstanding ball control.

"Some of the grounds, however, were poor and bare of grass."

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**The Marconi coach finally settled on two Argentinian players to join the Sydney club.**

Oswaldo El'Ali, 24, is a winger who has played for Argentinos Juniors and Huracan.

The midfielder Scheinflug settled on is also from the Huracan club — Adrian Janin, 21.

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**Manfred Schaefer's success as coach of Sydney Olympic helped the club land a new sponsor in De-Costi Seafoods.**

De-Costi Seafoods provided \$30,000 cash and could double that figure next year if all goes well.

"We must make every endeavour to look after our sponsor. Mistakes have been made in the past," says Olympic President Tom Doumanis.

Young Olympic defender Alex Lampropoulos asked for a transfer, because he could not be guaranteed a place in their 13 man squad.

He joined St George for \$7500 and made his debut against his former club in the third round. Alex brought Saints a change of luck - the result was an unexpected 2-all draw at Pratten Park.

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**Blacktown City now reports that former England Captain Kevin Keegan won't reappear for the Demons as a guest player.**

The deal fell through when the



# PREVIEW

## Scheinflug Meets An Old Friend and Finds Recruits

By John Taylor



club could not find a commercial backer for Keegan's coaching clinics.

Club secretary Peter Thorne said "We even offered Kevin 40 per cent more for his match payments but that was not enough to swing the deal."

Through Keegan's agent, Stuart Webb, the Demons have been offered English World Cup players for guest appearances.

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Sydney City coach Eddie Thomson was surprised to say the least, when the Board told him to trim his squad.

After just two rounds Thomson put Paul Kay, Peter Falconer and Graeme Fletcher on the market.

Fletcher was snapped up by St George for \$9,000 and Jimmy Cant has gone to Canberra for only \$4,000.

What Thomson really needs now if he hopes to win the northern division title again is an experienced goalkeeper — or at least a back up. Alex McPherson is taking time to settle in with the Slickers.

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When St. George took its first point in the NSL in drawing with Olympic, the club had no fewer than 10 new players on its books.

Striker Graeme Fletcher (Sydney City), defender Alex Lampropoulos (Olympic) and Iranian Hamid Rezazadeh, who walked in off the street, are Saints latest acquisitions.

Maybe coach Frank Arok will have to unload some of those players he previously bought who don't even look like playing in the first grade team

Arok expected so much from Yugoslavian import, midfielder Miklos Orszag, but he is recovering from a cartilage operation.

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The South Americans keep coming.


Leonel Arcosa has joined fellow Uruguayan Saul Rivero at Wollongong City.

Arcosa played for the Liverpool club. No wonder he was recommended to the Wolves by Rivero — that was his club.





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**Star Profile:** Glenn William Archer  
— Brisbane City

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**Height and Weight:** 5ft 9ins,  
10 stone 6 lb

**Position:** Fullback or sweeper

**Home:** Albany Creek

**Car:** 1956 Chevro.et

**Favourite current players:**  
Oscar Crino, Jim Patikas

**Ambitions for 1986:** To retain my state position and beat New South Wales in the interstate game and to help Brisbane City finish in the top four in NSL

**Long term ambitions:** Play for Australia

**After soccer career is over:**  
Concentrate on having my own business

**Previous clubs:** Grange Thistle and North Star

**Nickname:** Archie or Luke (some say I look like Luke Skywalker)

**Teams you supported as a boy:** West Ham and Grange Thistle

**Most memorable match:**  
Defeating NSW 4-0 in the Australian Youth Championships in Canberra in 1982

**Biggest thrill:** Going on for Queensland to replace the injured Jim Hermiston after just seven minutes in last year's interstate game.

**Biggest disappointment:** None

**Superstitions:** None

**International or other honours:** Three State caps and Queensland Youth and Junior honours

**Favourite other sports persons:** Jack Nicklaus

**Favourite other sport:** Golf

**Hobbies:** Restoring old cars

**Favourite actor:** Clint Eastwood, Ronnie Barker and Ronnie Corbett

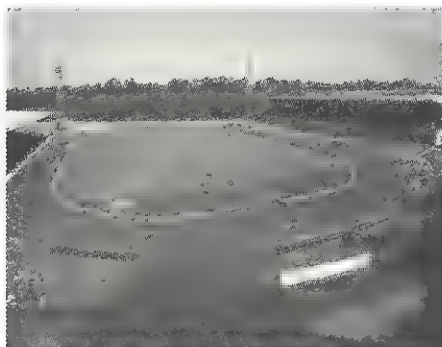
**Favourite TV show:** Minder

**Favourite musician:** No one in particular

**Biggest Influence on career:** My parents



# OLYMPIC PARK — WEMBL



*Olympic Park*

Olympic Park, Melbourne is Australia's Wembley, without doubt the finest and most comprehensive sports complex in the country.

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It is every Australian soccer teams' idea of the perfect ground, and when most touring teams see it for the first time their reaction is almost always the same. 'If you can't play soccer here, you can't play anywhere', you can almost hear them thinking, and when Scotland manager Alex Ferguson saw it he compared it to a billiard table.

Yet, as far as National League clubs are concerned, it is more of a white elephant than a Wembley. The Olympic Park Management's

relationship with its tenant clubs has always been an uneasy one, like a marriage that is hovering perpetually on the brink of divorce.

It used to have Footscray and Heidelberg as tenants, now it has Melbourne Croatia and Juventus. Footscray and Heidelberg both say their move from the Park is the best thing that ever happened to them, even though their present facilities leave a lot to be desired, compared with what the Park had to offer. Their main areas of dis-satisfaction were that car park and catering facilities were out of their hands, and that training facilities were inadequate.

The present two tenants echo these gripes, and are often to be heard saying that they can't wait for the day when they leave.

Why would any club want to leave such a soccer paradise? In

an effort to solve this paradox, we went along to talk to Roger Hampson who, as Manager of the sports grounds, is the man with whom the clubs deal directly. Roger Hampson is an Athletics Blue, and came from an administrative position in amateur athletics to run Olympic Park, which is administered by a Victorian Government-appointment Board of Management.

He's been at Olympic Park for 12 months now and admits that it was something of a cultural shock to step from the halls of Academe into the semi-professional world of Australian soccer. Not just a cultural shock either, talking to him you sense that he expected something better, a little more expert maybe!

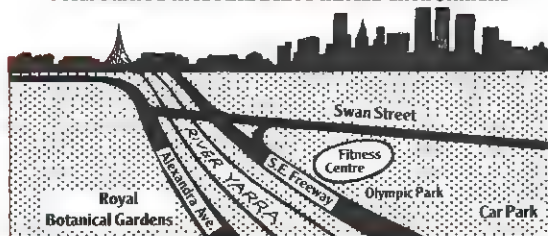
"I was staggered", he says "when I first came here to discover that the soccer authorities didn't have any forward plans,



*Roger Hampson, Manager Olympic Park Sports Grounds*

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where for instance international matches were concerned. Even at junior public school level we knew where we were going and what our programme of events would be, for a year or even two or three ahead.

## MARKETING A MUST

"One thing I feel about soccer in general is that it has never marketed itself properly. There are areas in Australian soccer where I think people are doing a great job, but there are other areas where they are falling down, and at times this leads to a great lack of continuity. I think that some people lack faith in the code, they seem to think that they have nothing to market, when in fact they have, as the result against Scotland showed."

Turning to the gripes tenant clubs have about the lack of training facilities Mr Hampson says he tends to agree with them. "The Park," he says "is handicapped by the 'ridiculous' ruling observed by Melbourne Councils that winter sports can only be played on their pitches between March 1st and October 1st. This completely ignores the fact that Olympic Park's soccer season extends from the Buffalo Cup in January to the end of October, and maybe November, in the case of Internationals, and that clubs want to start training straight after Xmas".

The answer to over use of the Park's facilities would be to



"Raindrops keep falling on my head but not on the ground" says Gordon Holmes at the controls of Olympic Park's Super Sopper.

install a synthetic pitch on No. 2 ground, and Mr Hampson is closely monitoring the experience of English clubs Queens Park Rangers and Luton Town, both of whom have installed synthetic pitches in recent years.

Luton Town's is the newer of the two, and Luton are said to be ecstatic about the fact that their pitch is in constant use, with as many as four or five games being played on it every week-end, irrespective of the weather. If Luton Town can do it, why can't Olympic Park?

The answer is, of course, the cost. A synthetic pitch would cost around \$500,000 and would last maybe five to seven years. Olympic Park Management Committee is responsible to the Victorian Minister for Lands, Mrs Joan Kirner, who no doubt could find a hundred projects more worthy of spending money on than soccer.

Luton Town had no such pro-

blems. The club is a business run by directors who will spend money to make money.

Roger Hampson would like to see a synthetic pitch and he thinks that eventually No 2 ground will have one but he says he hesitates to say when.

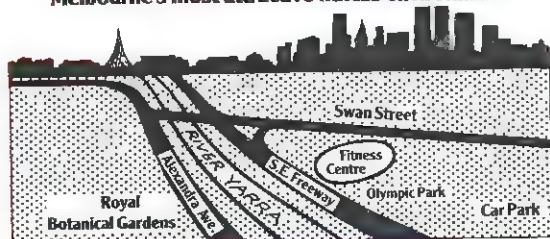


Australia Vs France  
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One day, maybe, we'll see Olympic Park established as the National Headquarters of soccer, with adequate lighting on both grounds, the V.S.F. installed there — as the South Australian Federation is installed in Hindmarsh, and probably half a dozen clubs playing and training there on a synthetic pitch. Until that millenium dawns Olympic Park, at least as far as soccer is concerned, will continue to be more of a white elephant than another Wembley.

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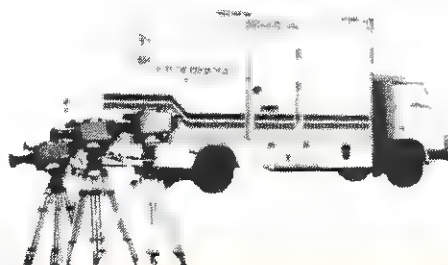
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# Sydney Croatia Chase Title — Record Fee for Lamond

By John Taylor

**S**ydney Croatia will produce its own version of "A Star is Born" in Manis Lamond, according to player-coach Vedran Rozic.

Croatia meant business when it paid out a record transfer fee of \$32,000 to Canberra for the Papua New Guinea born Lamond on April 5.

Some say that Croatia were crazy to fork out that sort of money for such a raw youngster. After all, he has yet to prove himself in the Olympic Airways National Soccer League.

Rozic saw it differently.

He is convinced that the lightening fast Lamond will fill the shoes of Jimmy Patikas, who has captured the headlines with AEK Athens in Greece.

Patikas was Croatia's leading goalscorer with 17 goals last year, Lamond was not a noted sharpshooter with Canberra.

But Rozic says "Manis will become a more prolific goalscorer with Croatia and even now he's technically better than Patikas.

"He's going to be an outstanding prospect for the Australian National team."

Croatia didn't want to stand in the way of Patikas and a professional career. "It was a great honour for Jimmy and our club that he made the top grade in Greece. I knew when we released him that we were losing a striker with exceptional speed," Rozic said.

"I had to try and change our pattern and use Zeljko Jurin more for his crosses."

Croatia received \$25,000 for Patikas and the club has first option on his services if he decides to come back to Australia.

That money was quickly spent in obtaining Socceroo left back Graham Jennings, from Sydney Olympic. "We needed to strengthen at the back," Rozic admitted.

Croatia served notice of things to come in 1986 by taking out the pre-season Ampol Cup.

The first round of the National League's knockout competition, the Nanda Cup, did not bring Croatia the same good fortune.

The draw was not kind to Croatia as their opponents were none other than Sydney City — the team which edged them out for the northern division title last year.

The club was not unduly upset that the Slickers won 3-0. What was worrying Croatia more was Rozic's back injury and whether he and Jurin would be fit for the opening League match a week later against St. George.

By this time a new recruit had arrived from Dinamo Zagreb. His name — Ante Rumora, a midfielder or centre back.

But Rumora was short of match practice and Rozic wondered just how long it would take him to acclimatise.

Croatia jumped the first hurdle in Saints with Jurin scoring both goals and Lamond was signed up on the day of the match against Newcastle Rosebud and made his debut in the second half.

He set up Zarko Odzakov's goal in the 4-0 romp. And in the same match Rumora showed his class.

At the time Rozic said "It will take Ante about another three or four games to see the best of him. He is a creative player who can use both feet."

Needless to say, Rozic is more confident this year about championship success than he was last season. "We have more depth now."

He hasn't changed his opinion since the defeat to Sydney City in the third round. Lamond was on the scoresheet for the first time in the 4-2 loss.

Croatia reap the benefit of having seven players train fulltime. They are Emil Dragicevic, Rene Licata, Lamond, Odzakov, Jurin, Rumora and Rozic.

But Croatia could not be where they are today without social club backing and the generosity of members.

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Back Row (left to right): Dr K. Bosnic, Vedran Rozic (Player/Coach), Eddie Krncevic, Bruno Vidaic, Graham Arnold, Tom Basic, Marian Kovacic, Greg Woodhouse, Milan Bogdanovic.  
Front Row (left to right): David Rezo, Zeljko Jurin, Emil Dragicevic, Jim Patikas, Wally Savor, Zarko Odzakov.

which adjoins the football ground.

Croatia have a very shrewd President in Tony Basic. He had planned to retire this year but was talked back into leading the football affairs.

Basic says that the club is working on a budget in excess of half a million dollars this year.

"We'll be happy if we take about \$30,000 at the gate for our home matches," Basic said.

"We also raise money from social functions and our membership support is fantastic. Last year we received \$76,000 from donations. This year members have contributed more than \$40,000."

The club is looking to provide better facilities all the time for the spectators.

The ground at Edensor Park now provides floodlights. Basic

said the initial cost of the lights was \$370,000.

"Because of voluntary labour we were able to save thousands of dollars on the project," he said.

The Croatia President concluded "There is a real buzz at the club this year. We waited a long time to win the Ampol Cup. Now it's the National League title we desperately want."

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## ROUND 1 Northern Division

29th March

SYDNEY CITY.....(0) 0  
NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD UNITED.....(0) 0

Woy Woy Oval — 1508

**Sydney City:** McPherson, Rodrigues, Hooker, O'Connor (Kay), De Marigny, Souness, Watson, Gomez, Farina, Kosmina, Lee (Saad).

**Newcastle Rosebud Utd:** Gosling, Maier, Garland, Jones, Bannon, McGuinness, Cavanagh, Senkalski, Ingham, Turnbull, Naumov.

30th March

WOLLONGONG CITY.....(1) 2  
Rivero (7, 66)  
MARCONI.....(0) 1  
Tredinnick (63)

Wollongong Showground — 1541

**Wollongong City:** Young, Green, Morlando, Vlietstra, Cokely (Batten), Giraldo, Rivero, Kotamanidis, Murray (Brodnik), Gaffney, Chilby.

**Marconi:** James, Carter, Rizzotto, Henderson, Wheatley, Mason, Gray, Lowe, Brown, Tredinnick, Gunning (Sterrey).

CANBERRA CITY.....(0) 0  
BLACKTOWN CITY.....(0) 1  
Slater (77)

Bruce Stadium — 760

**Canberra City:** Franken, Ontong (Harkins), Mazis, Mihailides, Burke, Lamond, Phillips (Kulscar), Sermanni, Palacios, Bryant, Gibson.

**Blacktown City:** Curtis, Willis, Northam, Ainsworth, Denyer, Byrne, Knight (Sharpe), Bradley, Slater, Carroll (Brennan), Thornthwaite.

APIA LEICHHARDT.....(1) 2  
Hristovski (13) — Stewart (82)  
INTER-MONARO.....(0) 0

Lambert Park — 1276

**APIA Leichhardt:** Pezzano, Steven, Ziras, Bertogna, Brown, Bozanic, Bundalo, Hristovski, Stewart, Dounis (Morsello), Butler.

**Inter-Monaro:** Hoszowski, Tuilawa, Williams, Budini, A. Ambrosino, C. Ambrosino (Daohs), Carbone, Wilcox (D'Addario), Winn, Walsh, Trajanoski.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC.....(2) 4  
Kalantzis (15) — Soper (32) — Johnston (61) — Stevenson (66).

CANTERBURY M.O.....(0) 0  
Pratten Park — 5841

**Sydney Olympic:** Meier, Rogers, Coady, Dakos, Phillips, Raskopoulos, Soper, Stevenson, Johnston (Stankovic), Kalantzis, Estavillo (Brandt).

**Canterbury M.O.:** Barker, Karaspyros, Kirwan, Hantzis, Haniotis, Radman (Jebrail), Akoutas, Agnostopoulos (Efthimladi), Pettas, Kalogeras, Thamnidis.

SYDNEY CROATIA.....(2) 2  
Jurin (15, 25)  
ST. GEORGE.....(1) 1  
Moffitt (30)

Croatian Sports Centre 5248

**Sydney Croatia:** Watson, A. Kovacic, Jennings, Rumora (Kero), Rozic, Clinch, Jurin, Savor, Arnold, Dragecevic, Odzakov.

**St. George:** Gibson, Skeen, R. O'Shea, Moffitt, Ratcliffe, M. O'Shea, Petkovski, J. O'Shea (Koczka), Porter (Beluzic), Ricoy, Cotton.

## POINTS TABLE

|                  | P | W | D | L | GF | GA | Pts |
|------------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| 1. Syd. Olympic  | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4  | 0  | 2   |
| 2. Leichhardt    | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2  | 0  | 2   |
| 3. Wollongong    | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2  | 1  | 2   |
| 4. Syd. Croatia  | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2  | 1  | 2   |
| 5. Blacktown     | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1  | 0  | 2   |
| 6. Newcastle     | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0  | 0  | 1   |
| 7. Sydney City   | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0  | 0  | 1   |
| 8. Canberra City | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0  | 1  | 0   |
| 9. St. George    | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1  | 2  | 0   |
| 10. Marconi      | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1  | 2  | 0   |
| 11. Inter-Monaro | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0  | 2  | 0   |
| 12. Canterbury   | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0  | 4  | 0   |

## ROUND 1 Southern Division

30th March

FOOTSCRAY.....(0) 2  
Simic (76) — Belic (83)  
BRISBANE LIONS.....(1) 1  
Anderson (41)

Schintler Reserve — 2611

**Footscray:** Nikitovic, Petrovski (Simic), R. Barjaktarevic, Vukcevic, Karic, Belic, Tapai, Bozinovski (Oblak), Latif, Lazopoulos, Lujic.

**Brisbane Lions:** Evans, D. Hunter, Jackson, Vasquez, Nlven, Anderson, Ogden, J. Stewart, Morton, McGregor, Mulvey (Low).

HEIDELBERG UTD.....(0) 2  
Selemidis (57) — Hunter (75) (PEN)  
ADELAIDE CITY.....(1) 2  
Maxwell (25) — Mullen (80)

Olympic Village — 1637

**Heidelberg Utd.:** Olver, McKie, Marley, Hunter, Higgins, Valentine, Selemidis, Ketsakidis, (Tzintzis), Pappas, Deligiannis, Tsolakis.

**Adelaide City:** McNally, Tobin, Nyskohus, Flounders, Melta, Santrac, Villani, Mullen, Maxwell, Northcote, Vidmar.

BRUNSWICK UTD JUVENTUS.....(0) 0  
SOUTH MELBOURNE.....(0) 1  
Egan (75)

Olympic Park 4253

**Brunswick Utd. Juv.:** Banovic, Campbell, Lewis, Brown, Yzendoorn, Wade, Cullen, Patterson, Petersen, Dowie, Zinni.

**South Melbourne:** Laumets, Russell, Blair, Halford, McDowall, Miranda, Egan, Brown, Murphy (Nicolaidis), Davidson, Postecoglou.

GREEN GULLY.....(1) 1  
Cumming (21)  
MELBOURNE CROATIA.....(1) 1  
Todoric (36)

Green Gully Reserve — 2513

**Green Gully:** Denys, Vizzini, Douglas, Frazer, Cannell, Flavell, Lewis, Barichello (McLelland), D. Ward, Drakeford, Cumming.

**Melbourne Croatia:** Runje, Deankovic, McIntosh, Curcio, Hannah, Campbell, Ljubic (Markovac), Biskic, Gojevic, G. Ward, Todoric.

ADELAIDE HELLAS.....(1) 1  
Price (39)  
SUNSHINE G.C.....(0) 2  
Lennon (69,78)

Hindmarsh Stadium — 1924

**Adelaide Hellas:** Sproul, Brown, Yankos, Dunn, Hiem, Honeyman, Hristodoulou, Konstandopoulos, McLaughlin, Price (Genikas), Scott.

**Sunshine G.C.:** Kastner, Taylor, Richardson, Parton, James, McLaren, Gilder, Mitten, Bain, Lennon, Toal (Markovski).

BRISBANE CITY.....(0) 0  
PRESTON.....(0) 0

Spencer Park — 2441

**Brisbane City:** Wishart, Archer, Caird, Perry, Mengottl, Hogg, Hami ton, Milosevic, Cooper, White, Reis (Fabrizio).

**Preston:** Traianedes, Opasinis, Ilioski, Roodhouse, Dobson, Petrov (Piculovski), McLennan, Van Egmond (Slifkas), Cole, Smith, Campbell.

## POINTS TABLE

|                   | P | W | D | L | GF | GA | Pts |
|-------------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| 1. Footscray      | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2  | 1  | 2   |
| 2. Sunshine GC    | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2  | 1  | 2   |
| 3. Sth. Melb.     | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1  | 0  | 2   |
| 4. Heidelberg     | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2  | 2  | 1   |
| 5. Adelaide City  | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2  | 2  | 1   |
| 6. Green Gully    | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1  | 1  | 1   |
| 7. Mel. Croatia   | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1  | 1  | 1   |
| 8. Brisbane City  | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0  | 0  | 1   |
| 9. Preston        | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0  | 0  | 1   |
| 10. Brunsw'k Juv. | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0  | 1  | 0   |
| 11. Adel. Hellas  | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1  | 2  | 0   |
| 12. Bris. Lions   | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1  | 2  | 0   |



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## ROUND 2

### Northern Division

5th April

NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD UNITED.....(0) 0  
 SYDNEY CROATIA.....(1) 4  
 Arnold (44, 70) — Odzakov (61) — Jurin (67)

Adamstown Oval — 2416

Newcastle Rosebud Utd: Gosling, Maier, Garland, Bannon, Jones, Senkalski, Cavanah, Ingham, Turnbull, Naumov, Owens.

Sydney Croatia: Watson, Jennings, Kovacic, Rozic, Clinch, Jurin, Savor, Arnold, Rumora (Licata), Dragecevic (Lamond), Odzakov.

6th April

BLACKTOWN CITY.....(1) 1

Thornthwaite (43)

WOLLONGONG CITY.....(0) 0

Gabbie Stadium — 1342

Blacktown City: Curtis, Willis, Ainsworth, Denyer, Sharpe, Byrne, Knight (Sandy), Bradley, Slater, Carrol, Thornthwaite (Northam).

Wollongong City: Young, Green, Viletstra, Cokely, Giraldo, Rivero (Brodnik), Kotamanidis, Chilby, Murray, Arcosa, Godzik.

ST. GEORGE.....(0) 0

A.P.I.A. LEICHHARDT.....(1) 1

Colagiuri (23)

St. George Stadium — 2133

St. George: Gibson, Skeen, R. O'Shea, J. O'Shea, Ratcliffe, M. O'Shea, Petkovski, Moffitt (Koczka), Cotton, Ricoy, Beluzic (Porter).

A.P.I.A. Leichhardt: Pezzano, Bozanic, Sterrey, Battagna, Brown, Steven, Bundaio, Hristovski, Colagiuri (Masi), Stewart, Butler.

INTER-MONARO.....(1) 1

Wotherspoon (24)

SYDNEY OLYMPIC.....(3) 5

Soper (23) — Estavillo (39) — Raskopoulos (42)

— Johnston (49) — Williams O.G. (87)

Seifert Oval — 1560

Inter-Monaro: Hoszowski, Waish, Williams, Budini, A. Ambrosino, Wotherspoon, A. Carbone, Willox (D'Addario), Winn, Todd, Dachs (A. Glampaolo).

Sydney Olympic: Meier, Rogers, Coady, Dakos, Phillips, Raskopoulos, Soper, Stevenson, Johnston (Stankovic), Kalantzis, Estavillo.

CANTERBURY M.O.....(1) 1

Pettas (8)

CANBERRA CITY.....(1) 1

Junna (42)

Arlington Oval — 1245

Canterbury M.O.: Barker, Karaspyros, Kirwan, Hantzis, Haniotis, Phillipou (Jebraiel), Anagnostopoulos, Pettas, Thamnidis, Svinos, Borges.

Canberra City: Franken, Harkins, Mazis, Mihailidis, Burke, Kulscar, Sermanni, Palacios (Philips), Bryant, Gibson, Junna.

MARCONI.....(2) 3

Driene (2) — Brown (12) — Henderson (84)

SYDNEY CITY.....(1) 2

Kosmina (25) — Farina (71)

Marconi Stadium — 1915

Marconi: James, Carter, Rizzotto, Mason, Gray, Lowe, Brown, Tredinnick, Sterrey, Driene (Henderson), Wheatley.

Sydney City: McPherson, Rodrigues (Souness), Robertson, De Marigny, Watson, Gomez, Farina, Kosmina, Lee (Saad), Kay, Hooker.

### POINTS TABLE

|                  | P | W | D | L | GF | GA | Pts |
|------------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| 1. Syd. Olympic  | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 9  | 1  | 4   |
| 2. Syd. Croatia  | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 6  | 1  | 4   |
| 3. Leichhardt    | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3  | 0  | 4   |
| 4. Blacktown     | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2  | 0  | 4   |
| 5. Marconi       | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4  | 4  | 2   |
| 6. Wollongong    | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2  | 2  | 2   |
| 7. Sydney City   | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2  | 3  | 1   |
| 8. Canberra City | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1  | 2  | 1   |
| 9. Canterbury    | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1  | 5  | 1   |
| 10. Newcastle    | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0  | 4  | 1   |
| 11. St. George   | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1  | 3  | 0   |
| 12. Inter-Monaro | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1  | 7  | 0   |

## ROUND 2

### Southern Division

6th April

BRISBANE CITY.....(0) 2

Cooper (52) — Mengotti (75)

ADELAIDE HELLAS.....(4) 4

Konstandopoulos (8, 21) — Scott (28) —

Hristodoulou (33)

Spencer Park — 2761

Brisbane City: Wishart, Archer (Caird), Bromfield, Perry, Mengotti, Lettieri, Hamilton, Milosevic (Hogg), Cooper, White, Reis.

Adelaide Hellas: Sproul, Brown, Yankos, Dunn, Honeyman, Hristodoulou, Konstandopoulos, McLaughlin (Hiern), Mousoulis, Scott (Manou), Price.

SUNSHINE G.C.....(1) 2

Mitten (27) — Markovski (84)

GREEN GULLY.....(0) 1

Lewis (90) Chaplin Reserve — 2500

Sunshine G.C.: Kastner, Taylor, Innes, Parton, James, Richardson, Faulkner, McLaren, Gilder, Mitten, Lennon (Markovski).

Green Gully: Denys, Vizzini, McLelland, Frazer, Cannell, Flavell, Lewis, Carter, Drakeford, Barichello, Cumming.

MELBOURNE CROATIA.....(0) 0

BRUNSWICK UTD JUVENTUS.....(2) 4

Wade (16, 38) — Zinni (71, 87)

Olympic Park No. 1 — 2882

Melbourne Croatia: Runje, Deankovic, McIntosh, Curcio, Hannah, Campbell, Biskio, Bonacic (Todoric), Ljubic, Markovac, Ward (Guscic).

Brunswick Juventus: Banovic, Campbell, Lewis, Wade, Cullen, Brown, Petersen, Yzendoorn, Dowie, Patterson, Zinni.

SOUTH MELBOURNE.....(0) 0

HEIDELBERG UTD.....(0) 1

Valentine (73) Middle Park — 6000

South Melbourne: Laumets, Russell, Blair, Postecoglou, Halford, McDowall (Sent off 51m), Egan, Miranda, Davidson, Brown, Xanthopoulos.

Heidelberg Utd.: Oliver, McKie (Pappas), Marley, Hunter, Higgins, Valentine, Selemidis, Tsolakis, Deligiannis (Tzintzis), Lucchesi, Angele.

ADELAIDE CITY.....(3) 7

Villani (21) — Mullen (42) — Maxwell (45, 76, 85)

— Costanzo (54) — Melta (77)

FOOTSCRAY.....(0) 1

Lujic (88) Olympic Park — 2223

Adelaide City: McNally, Northcote (Costanzo), Tobin, Nyskohus, Flounders, Melta, Santrac (Higgins), Villani, Mullen, Maxwell, Vidmar.

Footscray: Nikitovic, Petrovski, Barjaktarevic, Karic, Vukcevic, Belic, Tapal, Stolic, Lazopoulos, (Simic) (Oblak), Latif, Lujic.

PRESTON.....(0) 0

BRISBANE LIONS.....(0) 0

Connor Reserve — 2000

Preston: Traianides, Opasinis, Roodhouse, Ilioski (Slifkas), Dobson, Petrov, Campbell, Smith, Cole, Lane, McLennan.

Brisbane Lions: Evans, Hunter, Jackson, Vasquez, Niven, R. Stewart (Beli), Anderson, Ogden, J. Stewart, Morton (Mulvey), McGregor.

### POINTS TABLE

|                   | P | W | D | L | GF | GA | Pts |
|-------------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| 1. Sunshine GC    | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4  | 2  | 4   |
| 2. Adelaide City  | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 9  | 3  | 3   |
| 3. Heidelberg     | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3  | 2  | 3   |
| 4. Brunsw'k Juv.  | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4  | 1  | 2   |
| 5. Adel. Hellas   | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 5  | 4  | 2   |
| 6. Sth. Melb.     | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1  | 1  | 2   |
| 7. Preston        | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0  | 0  | 2   |
| 8. Footscray      | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3  | 8  | 2   |
| 9. Green Gully    | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2  | 4  | 1   |
| 10. Brisbane City | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2  | 4  | 1   |
| 11. Bris. Lions   | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1  | 2  | 1   |
| 12. Melb. Croatia | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1  | 5  | 1   |

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## ROUND 3 Northern Division

13th April

|                                       |   |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| MARCONI.....(0)                       | 3 |
| Gray (52) — Gunning (58) — Lower (79) |   |
| BLACKTOWN CITY.....(0)                | 0 |

Marconi Stadium — 1726

Marconi: James, Carter, Rizzotto, Wheatley, Mason, Gray, Lowe, Brown, Tredinnick, Sterrey, Driene (Gunning) (Henderson).

Blacktown City: Curtis, Willis (sent off 70 min), Northam (Sharpe), Ainsworth, Denyer (McLeod), Byrne, Bradley, Knight, Brennan, Carroll, Sandy.

|                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| WOLLONGONG CITY.....(1) | 3 |
| Batten (6), (52), (57)  |   |
| CANTERBURY M.O.....(1)  | 1 |
| Borges (20)             |   |

Wollongong Showground — 2282

Wollongong City: Young, Green, Morlando, Chibby, Viletstra, Cokely, Giraldo, Kotamanidis (Arcosa), Murray, Batten, Stefanovski (Brodnik).

Canterbury M.O.: Barker, Karaspyros, Hantzis, Haniotis, Svinos, Kirwan (Jebraiei), Anagnostopoulos, Borges, Philippou, Pettas, Thamnidis.

|                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| CANBERRA CITY.....(1) | 1 |
| Gibson (25)           |   |
| INTER-MONARO.....(0)  | 0 |

Bruce Stadium — 1250

Canberra City: Franken, Burke, Kulscar, Philips, Sermanni, Palacios (Mazis), Bryant (Harkins), Gibson, Dunn, Nelson, Junna.

Inter-Monaro: Hoszowski, Tuilawa, Williams (D'Addario), Budini, A. Ambrosino, Wotherspoon, Carbone (C. Ambrosino), Willox, Winn, Walsh, Dachs.

|                                    |   |
|------------------------------------|---|
| SYDNEY OLYMPIC.....(1)             | 2 |
| Kalantzis (6) — Johnston (55)      |   |
| ST. GEORGE.....(0)                 | 2 |
| Ratcliffe (53) (PEN) — Koczka (65) |   |

Pratten Park — 6223

Sydney Olympic: Meier, Rogers, Coady, Dakos, Philips, Raskopoulos, Soper (Brandt), Stevenson, Johnstone (Stankovic), Kalantzis, Estavillo.

St. George: Gibson, Skeen, R. O'Shea, Lampropoulos, Ratcliffe, M. O'Shea, Koczka, Moffitt, Porter, Ricoy (Petkovski), Fletcher (Caban).

|                               |   |
|-------------------------------|---|
| APIA LEICHHARDT.....(1)       | 1 |
| Stewart (10)                  |   |
| NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD UTD.....(0) | 1 |
| Jones (90)                    |   |

Lambert Park — 1928

APIA Leichhardt: Pezzano, Bozanic, Sterrey, Bertogna, Brown, Steven, Bundalo, Hristovski, Colagiuri, Stewart (Dounis), Butler.

Newcastle Rosebud Utd.: Gosling, Milosevic, Garland (Senkalski), Bannon, Maier, Crabtree, Naumov, M. Jones, Ingham, Haynes (Owens), Cavanah.

|   |   |
|---|---|
| SYDNEY CITY.....(2)                                       | 4 |
| Gomez (15) — Watson (23) — De Marigny (60) — Kosmina (90) |   |
| SYDNEY CROATIA.....(0)                                    | 2 |
| Lamond (57) — Rumora (58)                                 |   |

Sydney Athletic Field — 4582

Sydney City: McPherson, Rodrigues, Hooker, Robertson, O'Connor, Watson, Gomez, De Marigny, Kosmina, Farina (Saad), Lee.

Sydney Croatia: Watson, Savor, M.Kovacic, Rozic, Jennings, Clinch (Dragevic), Odzakov, Rumora, Jurin, Arnold, Lamond.

### POINTS TABLE

|                  | P | W | D | L | GF | GA | Pts |
|------------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| 1. Syd. Olympic  | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 11 | 3  | 5   |
| 2. Leichhardt    | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 4  | 1  | 5   |
| 3. Syd. Croatia  | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 8  | 5  | 4   |
| 4. Marconi       | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 7  | 4  | 4   |
| 5. Wollongong    | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 5  | 3  | 4   |
| 6. Blacktown     | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 2  | 3  | 4   |
| 7. Sydney City   | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6  | 5  | 3   |
| 8. Canberra City | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2  | 2  | 3   |
| 9. Newcastle     | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1  | 5  | 2   |
| 10. St. George   | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3  | 5  | 1   |
| 11. Canterbury   | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2  | 8  | 1   |
| 12. Inter-Monaro | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1  | 8  | 0   |

## ROUND 3 Southern Division

13th April

|                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| GREEN GULLY.....(0)   | 0 |
| BRISBANE CITY.....(1) | 1 |

Cooper (2)

Green Gully Reserve — 348

Green Gully: Denys, Vizzini, Douglas, Fraser, Cannell, Flavell, Lewis, Drakeford (Sent off 61 min), Ward, Reynolds (McLelland), Cumming.

Brisbane City: Wishart, Archer, Bromfield, Mengotti, Caird, Hogg, Fabrizio, Hamilton (Lettieri), Cooper, White, Reis (Milosevic).

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|------------------------|---|
| BRISBANE LIONS.....(0) | 0 |
| ADELAIDE CITY.....(0)  | 2 |

Villani (78) — Mullen (87)

Richlands Stadium — 1000

Brisbane Lions: Evans, Hunter (Sent off 74 min), Jackson, Vasquez, Niven, R. Stewart, J. Stewart, Ogden, Anderson, McGregor, Mulvey (Bell).

Adelaide City: McNally, Higgins, Tobin, Nyskohus, Flounders, Melta, Villani (Sent off 7 min), Mullen, Maxwell (Alberton), Vidmar, Costanzo.

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|-------------------------|---|
| FOOTSCRAY.....(0)       | 1 |
| Bell (55)               |   |
| SOUTH MELBOURNE.....(0) | 0 |

Schintler Reserve — 3955

Footscray: Nikitovic, Petrovski, Barjaktarevic, Karic, Vukcevic, Belic, Tapai, Stosic, Bozhinovski, Latif, Lazopoulos (Lujic).

South Melbourne: Laumets, Russell, Xanthopoulos (Nicholaides), Blair, Brown, Halford, Egan, Miranda, Davidson, Postecoglou, Tassios (Mihos).

|                           |   |
|---------------------------|---|
| HEIDELBERG UTD.....(0)    | 0 |
| MELBOURNE CROATIA.....(1) | 1 |

Todoric (13)

Olympic Village — 3270



Sydney City striker Frank Farina (left) and Sydney Croatia defender Marijan Koracic strive for possession.

Heidelberg Utd.: Olver, McKie, Marley, Hunter, Higgins (Pappas), Valentine, Selemidis, Tzintzis, (Deligiannis), Lucchesi, Tzolakis, Angele.

Melbourne Croatia: Govic, Deankovic (Talajic), McIntosh, Curcio, Hannah, Campbell, Biskic, Bonacic, Todoric, Markovac, Ward (Ljubic).

|                                |   |
|--------------------------------|---|
| BRUNSWICK UTD JUVENTUS.....(0) | 0 |
| SUNSHINE G.C.....(0)           | 0 |

Olympic Park No. 2 — 3000

Brunswick Utd. Juv.: Banovic, Lewis, Campbell, Brown, Yzendoorn, Wade, Cullen, Durakovic, Patterson, Dowie, Zinni.

Sunshine G.C.: Kastner, Taylor, Parton, James, Richardson, McLaren, Gilder, Mitten (Campell), Bain, Faulkner, Lennon (Markovski).

|                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| ADELAIDE HELLAS.....(0) | 0 |
| PRESTON.....(1)         | 1 |

Cole (44)

Hindmarsh Stadium — 3513

Adelaide Hellas: Sproul, Brown, Yankos, Dunn, Price (Manou), Honeyman, Hristodoulou, Konstandopoulos, McLaughlin (Panagis), Scott, Mousoulis (Sent off 41 min).

Preston: Traianedes, Opasinis, Roodhouse, Ilioski, Dobson, Petrov (Piculovski), Slifkas, Smith, Cole, Lane, Campbell.

### POINTS TABLE

|                  | P | W | D | L | GF | GA | Pts |
|------------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| 1. Adelaide City | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 11 | 3  | 5   |
| 2. Sunshine GC   | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 4  | 2  | 5   |
| 3. Preston       | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1  | 0  | 4   |
| 4. Footscray     | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 4  | 8  | 4   |
| 5. Bruns. Juv.   | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4  | 1  | 3   |
| 6. Heidelberg    | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3  | 3  | 3   |
| 7. Brisbane City | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3  | 4  | 3   |
| 8. Melb. Croatia | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2  | 5  | 3   |
| 9. Adel. Hellas  | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 5  | 5  | 2   |
| 10. Sth. Melb.   | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1  | 2  | 2   |
| 11. Green Gully  | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2  | 4  | 1   |
| 12. Bris. Lions  | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1  | 4  | 1   |



# NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE

## ROUND 1

### Northern Division

23rd March

|             |        |   |              |        |
|-------------|--------|---|--------------|--------|
| A.I.S.      | .....5 | v | Syd. Olympic | .....0 |
| B'town City | .....0 | v | A.I.S.       | .....3 |
| Sydney City | .....4 | v | Newcastle R. | .....2 |

30th March

|                |        |   |               |        |
|----------------|--------|---|---------------|--------|
| Wollongong     | .....0 | v | Marconi       | .....4 |
| Canberra City  | .....6 | v | B'town City   | .....1 |
| Sydney Olympic | .....5 | v | Canterbury MO | .....0 |
| Apia L'hardt   | .....2 | v | Inter-Monaro  | .....1 |
| Sydney Croatia | .....0 | v | St. George    | .....2 |

## ROUND 2

### Northern Division

5th April

|           |         |   |                |        |
|-----------|---------|---|----------------|--------|
| A.I.S.    | .....12 | v | Canterbury     | .....0 |
| Newcastle | .....0  | v | Sydney Croatia | .....1 |

6th April

|                |        |   |                |        |
|----------------|--------|---|----------------|--------|
| Blacktown      | .....3 | v | Wollongong     | .....2 |
| St. George     | .....0 | v | A.P.I.A.       | .....4 |
| Inter-Monaro   | .....0 | v | Sydney Olympic | .....4 |
| Canterbury     | .....0 | v | Canberra City  | .....1 |
| Marconi        | .....0 | v | Sydney City    | .....2 |
| Sydney Croatia | .....0 | v | St. George     | .....2 |

## ROUND 3

### Northern Division

12th April

|                |        |   |                |        |
|----------------|--------|---|----------------|--------|
| Inter-Monaro   | .....0 | v | A.I.S.         | .....7 |
| Marconi        | .....0 | v | B'town City    | .....1 |
| Wollongong     | .....2 | v | Canterbury MO  | .....0 |
| Canberra City  | .....4 | v | Inter-Monaro   | .....0 |
| Sydney Olympic | .....0 | v | St. George     | .....2 |
| Apia L'hardt   | .....1 | v | Newcastle      | .....0 |
| Sydney City    | .....2 | v | Sydney Croatia | .....1 |

## ROUND 4

### Northern Division

19th April

|           |        |   |                |        |
|-----------|--------|---|----------------|--------|
| A.I.S.    | .....2 | v | St. George     | .....2 |
| Newcastle | .....1 | v | Sydney Olympic | .....1 |

20th April

|                |        |   |              |        |
|----------------|--------|---|--------------|--------|
| Inter-Monaro   | .....4 | v | Wollongong   | .....2 |
| Canterbury MO  | .....2 | v | Marconi      | .....3 |
| Sydney Croatia | .....2 | v | Apia L'hardt | .....2 |
| St. George     | .....7 | v | Canberra     | .....2 |
| B'town City    | .....2 | v | Sydney City  | .....2 |

## NORTHERN DIVISION YOUTH LEAGUE POINTS TABLE

|                  | P | W | D | L | GF | GA | Pts |
|------------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| 1. A.I.S.        | 5 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 29 | 2  | 9   |
| 2. Apia L'hardt  | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 14 | 3  | 7   |
| 3. Syd. City     | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 14 | 5  | 7   |
| 4. St. George    | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 8  | 7   |
| 5. Canberra      | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 13 | 8  | 6   |
| 6. Syd. Olympic  | 5 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 10 | 8  | 5   |
| 7. B'town City   | 5 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 7  | 13 | 5   |
| 8. Marconi       | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 7  | 5  | 4   |
| 9. Syd. Croatia  | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4  | 10 | 3   |
| 10. Wollongong   | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 6  | 11 | 2   |
| 11. Inter-Monaro | 5 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 5  | 24 | 2   |
| 12. Newcastle    | 4 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 3  | 7  | 1   |
| 13. Canterbury   | 5 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 2  | 23 | 0   |



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## ROUND 1

### Southern Division

30th March

|                 |        |   |               |        |
|-----------------|--------|---|---------------|--------|
| Footscray       | .....4 | v | Fawkner       | .....0 |
| Heidelberg      | .....1 | v | Nunawading    | .....1 |
| Brunswick U.J.  | .....1 | v | Sth Melbourne | .....2 |
| Green Gully     | .....1 | v | Melb. Croatia | .....1 |
| Brighton        | .....0 | v | Sunshine      | .....3 |
| Frankston Pines | .....1 | v | Preston       | .....1 |

## ROUND 2

### Southern Division

6th April

|               |        |   |                 |        |
|---------------|--------|---|-----------------|--------|
| Sunshine      | .....0 | v | Green Gully     | .....0 |
| Melb Croatia  | .....1 | v | Brunswick U.J.  | .....1 |
| Sth Melbourne | .....1 | v | Heidelberg      | .....1 |
| Nunawading    | .....0 | v | Footscray       | .....3 |
| Preston       | .....5 | v | Fawkner         | .....0 |
| Brighton      | .....7 | v | Frankston Pines | .....0 |

## ROUND 3

### Southern Division

13th April

|                |        |   |                 |        |
|----------------|--------|---|-----------------|--------|
| Green Gully    | .....3 | v | Frankston Pines | .....1 |
| Fawkner        | .....0 | v | Nunawading      | .....3 |
| Footscray      | .....0 | v | Sth Melbourne   | .....5 |
| Heidelberg     | .....1 | v | Melb Croatia    | .....5 |
| Brunswick U.J. | .....0 | v | Sunshine G.C.   | .....3 |
| Brighton       | .....1 | v | Preston         | .....1 |

## ROUND 4

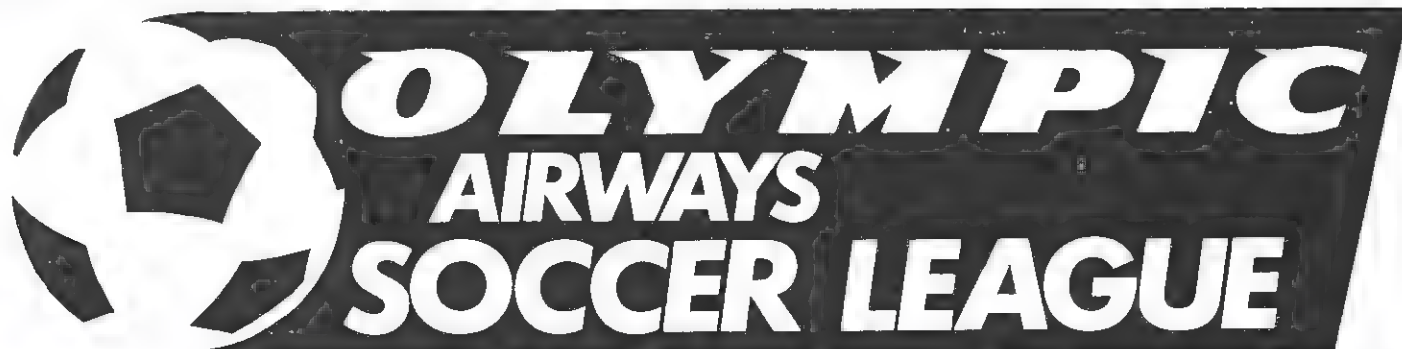
### Southern Division

20th April

|                 |        |   |                |        |
|-----------------|--------|---|----------------|--------|
| Brighton        | .....1 | v | Green Gully    | .....0 |
| Frankston Pines | .....1 | v | Brunswick U.J. | .....3 |
| Sunshine G.C.   | .....5 | v | Heidelberg     | .....1 |
| Melb. Croatia   | .....0 | v | Footscray      | .....1 |
| Sth Melbourne   | .....5 | v | Fawkner        | .....1 |
| Preston         | .....1 | v | Nunawading     | .....1 |

## SOUTHERN DIVISION YOUTH LEAGUE POINTS TABLE

|                   | P | W | D | L | GF | GA | Pts |
|-------------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| 1. St. Melb.      | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 13 | 3  | 7   |
| 2. Sunshine GC    | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 11 | 1  | 7   |
| 3. Footscray      | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 8  | 5  | 6   |
| 4. Brighton       | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 9  | 4  | 5   |
| 5. Preston        | 4 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 8  | 3  | 5   |
| 6. Melb. Croatia  | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 7  | 4  | 4   |
| 7. Green Gully    | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 4  | 3  | 4   |
| 8. Nunawading     | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 5  | 5  | 4   |
| 9. Bruns. Juv.    | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5  | 7  | 3   |
| 10. Heidelberg    | 4 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 4  | 12 | 2   |
| 11. Franks. Pines | 4 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 3  | 14 | 1   |
| 12. Fawkner       | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1  | 17 | 0   |



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## COMPETITION DATES

|      |    |                 |    |                                    |
|------|----|-----------------|----|------------------------------------|
| MAY  | 11 | LEAGUE ROUND 6  | 20 | LEAGUE ROUND 15                    |
|      | 18 | LEAGUE ROUND 7  | 27 | CUP SEMI-FINALS                    |
|      | 25 | LEAGUE ROUND 8  | 3  | LEAGUE ROUND 16                    |
| JUNE | 1  | CUP ROUND 3     | 10 | LEAGUE ROUND 17                    |
|      | 8  | LEAGUE ROUND 9  | 17 | LEAGUE ROUND 18<br>(and Cup Final) |
|      | 15 | LEAGUE ROUND 10 | 24 | LEAGUE ROUND 19                    |
|      | 22 | LEAGUE ROUND 11 | 31 | LEAGUE ROUND 20                    |
|      | 29 | LEAGUE ROUND 12 | 7  | LEAGUE ROUND 21                    |
| JULY | 6  | LEAGUE ROUND 13 | 14 | LEAGUE ROUND 22                    |
|      | 13 | LEAGUE ROUND 14 |    |                                    |

## TOP FIVE SERIES DATES TO BE CONFIRMED

### SOUTHERN DIVISION

#### ROUND 6 10/11 MAY

|                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. GREEN GULLY  | v BRUNSWICK     |
| 2. AD HELLAS    | v HEIDELBERG†   |
| 3. BRISB CITY   | v FOOTSCRAY     |
| 4. SUNSHINE     | v BRISB LIONS   |
| 5. MELB CROATIA | v ADELAIDE C.TY |
| 6. STH MELB     | v PRESTON       |

#### ROUND 7 17/18 MAY

|                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| 1. BRISB LIONS   | v BRISB CITY   |
| 2. FOOTSCRAY     | v AD HELLAS    |
| 3. HEIDELBERG    | v GREEN GULLY  |
| 4. STH MELB      | v MELB CROATIA |
| 5. ADELAIDE CITY | v SUNSHINE†    |
| 6. PRESTON       | v BRUNSWICK    |

#### ROUND 8 24/25 MAY

|                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. BRUNSWICK   | v HEIDELBERG    |
| 2. GREEN GULLY | v FOOTSCRAY     |
| 3. AD HELLAS   | v BRISB LIONS†  |
| 4. BRISB CITY  | v ADELAIDE CITY |
| 5. SUNSHINE    | v STH MELB      |
| 6. PRESTON     | v MELB CROAT A  |

#### ROUND 9 7/8 JUNE

|                  |               |
|------------------|---------------|
| 1. STH MELB      | v BRISB CITY  |
| 2. ADELAIDE CITY | v AD HELLAS†  |
| 3. BRISB LIONS   | v GREEN GULLY |
| 4. FOOTSCRAY     | v BRUNSWICK   |
| 5. MELB CROATIA  | v SUNSHINE    |
| 6. HEIDELBERG    | v PRESTON     |

#### ROUND 10 14/15 JUNE

|                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. HEIDELBERG  | v FOOTSCRAY     |
| 2. BRUNSWICK   | v BRISB LIONS   |
| 3. GREEN GULLY | v ADELAIDE CITY |
| 4. AD HELLAS   | v STH MELB†     |
| 5. BRISB CITY  | v MELB CROATIA  |
| 6. PRESTON     | v SUNSHINE      |

#### ROUND 11 21/22 JUNE

|                  |               |
|------------------|---------------|
| 1. SUNSHINE      | v BRISB CITY  |
| 2. MELB CROATIA  | v AD HELLAS   |
| 3. STH MELB      | v GREEN GULLY |
| 4. ADELAIDE CITY | v BRUNSWICK†  |
| 5. BRISB LIONS   | v HEIDELBERG  |
| 6. PRESTON       | v FOOTSCRAY   |

#### ROUND 12 28/29 JUNE

|                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. AD HELLAS   | v BRISB CITY†   |
| 2. GREEN GULLY | v SUNSHINE      |
| 3. BRUNSWICK   | v MELB CROATIA  |
| 4. HEIDELBERG  | v STH MELB      |
| 5. FOOTSCRAY   | v ADELAIDE CITY |
| 6. BRISB LIONS | v PRESTON       |

#### ROUND 13 5/6 JULY

|                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| 1. BRISB CITY    | v GREEN GULLY  |
| 2. ADELAIDE CITY | v BRISB LIONS† |
| 3. STH MELB      | v FOOTSCRAY    |
| 4. MELB CROATIA  | v HEIDELBERG   |
| 5. SUNSHINE      | v BRUNSWICK    |
| 6. PRESTON       | v AD HELLAS    |

### NORTHERN DIVISION

|                 |                |
|-----------------|----------------|
| 1. NEWCASTLE    | v WOLLONGONG*† |
| 2. ST GEORGE    | v MARCONI      |
| 3. INTER MONARO | v BLACKTOWN    |
| 4. APIA LEICH   | v SYD OLYMPIC  |
| 5. SYD CROATIA  | v CANBERRA     |
| 6. CANTERBURY   | v SYD CITY     |

|               |                |
|---------------|----------------|
| 1. CANTERBURY | v INTER MONARO |
| 2. BLACKTOWN  | v ST GEORGE    |
| 3. MARCONI    | v NEWCASTLE    |
| 4. WOLLONGONG | v SYD CROATIA  |
| 5. CANBERRA   | v APIA LEICH   |
| 6. SYD CITY   | v SYD OLYMPIC  |

|                 |               |
|-----------------|---------------|
| 1. APIA LEICH   | v WOLLONGONG  |
| 2. SYD CROATIA  | v MARCONI     |
| 3. BLACKTOWN    | v NEWCASTLE*  |
| 4. ST GEORGE    | v CANTERBURY  |
| 5. SYD OLYMPIC  | v CANBERRA    |
| 6. INTER MONARO | v SYDNEY CITY |

|                 |               |
|-----------------|---------------|
| 1. INTER MONARO | v ST GEORGE   |
| 2. CANTERBURY   | v NEWCASTLE   |
| 3. BLACKTOWN    | v SYD CROATIA |
| 4. MARCONI      | v APIA LEICH  |
| 5. WOLLONGONG   | v SYD OLYMPIC |
| 6. SYD CITY     | v CANBERRA    |

|                |                  |
|----------------|------------------|
| 1. CANBERRA    | v WOLLONGONG     |
| 2. SYD OLYMPIC | v MARCONI        |
| 3. APIA LEICH  | v BLACKTOWN      |
| 4. SYD CROATIA | v CANTERBURY     |
| 5. NEWCASTLE   | v INTER MONARO*† |
| 6. SYD CITY    | v ST GEORGE      |

|                 |               |
|-----------------|---------------|
| 1. ST GEORGE    | v NEWCASTLE   |
| 2. INTER MONARO | v SYD CROATIA |
| 3. CANTERBURY   | v APIA LEICH  |
| 4. BLACKTOWN    | v SYD OLYMPIC |
| 5. MARCONI      | v CANBERRA    |
| 6. WOLLONGONG   | v SYD CITY    |

|                 |               |
|-----------------|---------------|
| 1. MARCONI      | v WOLLONGONG  |
| 2. BLACKTOWN    | v CANBERRA    |
| 3. CANTERBURY   | v SYD OLYMPIC |
| 4. INTER MONARO | v APIA LEICH  |
| 5. ST GEORGE    | v SYD CROATIA |
| 6. NEWCASTLE    | v SYD CITY*†  |

|                |                |
|----------------|----------------|
| 1. WOLLONGONG  | v BLACKTOWN    |
| 2. SYD CROATIA | v NEWCASTLE    |
| 3. APIA LEICH  | v ST GEORGE    |
| 4. SYD OLYMPIC | v INTER MONARO |
| 5. CANBERRA    | v CANTERBURY   |
| 6. SYD CITY    | v MARCONI      |

### SOUTHERN DIVISION

#### ROUND 14 12/13 JULY

|                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| 1. GREEN GULLY   | v AD HELLAS    |
| 2. BRUNSWICK     | v BRISB CITY   |
| 3. HEIDELBERG    | v SUNSHINE     |
| 4. FOOTSCRAY     | v MELB CROATIA |
| 5. BRISB LIONS   | v STH MELB     |
| 6. ADELAIDE CITY | v PRESTON†     |

#### ROUND 15 19/20 JULY

|                  |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|
| 1. BRISBANE CITY | v HEIDELBERG    |
| 2. AD HELLAS     | v BRUNSWICK†    |
| 3. STH MELB      | v ADELAIDE CITY |
| 4. MELB CROATIA  | v BRISB LIONS   |
| 5. SUNSHINE      | v FOOTSCRAY     |
| 6. PRESTON       | v GREEN GULLY   |

#### ROUND 16 2/3 AUGUST

|                  |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|
| 1. BRUNSWICK     | v GREEN GULLY   |
| 2. HEIDELBERG    | v AD HELLAS     |
| 3. FOOTSCRAY     | v BRISB CITY    |
| 4. BRISB LIONS   | v SUNSHINE      |
| 5. ADELAIDE CITY | v MELB CROATIA† |
| 6. PRESTON       | v SOUTH MELB    |

#### ROUND 17 9/10 AUGUST

|                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. BRISB CITY   | v BRISB LIONS   |
| 2. AD HELLAS    | v FOOTSCRAY†    |
| 3. GREEN GULLY  | v HEIDELBERG    |
| 4. MELB CROATIA | v STH MELB      |
| 5. SUNSHINE     | v ADELAIDE CITY |
| 6. BRUNSWICK    | v PRESTON       |

#### ROUND 18 16/17 AUGUST

|                  |               |
|------------------|---------------|
| 1. HEIDELBERG    | v BRUNSWICK   |
| 2. FOOTSCRAY     | v GREEN GULLY |
| 3. BRISB LIONS   | v AD HELLAS   |
| 4. ADELAIDE CITY | v BRISB CITY† |
| 5. STH MELB      | v SUNSHINE    |
| 6. MELB CROATIA  | v PRESTON     |

#### ROUND 19 23/24 AUGUST

|                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. BRISB CITY  | v STH MELB      |
| 2. AD HELLAS   | v ADELAIDE CITY |
| 3. GREEN GULLY | v BRISB LIONS   |
| 4. BRUNSWICK   | v FOOTSCRAY     |
| 5. SUNSHINE    | v MELB CROATIA  |
| 6. PRESTON     | v HEIDELBERG    |

#### ROUND 20 30/31 AUGUST

|                  |                |
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| 5. HEIDELBERG  | v BRISB LIONS   |
| 6. FOOTSCRAY   | v PRESTON       |

#### ROUND 22 13/14 SEPTEMBER

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| 2. ADELAIDE CITY | v HEIDELBERG† |
| 3. STH MELB      | v BRUNSWICK   |
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**NOTE:** All matches played Sunday except where stated

All kick offs 3.00 p.m. except where stated.

**NOTE:** Inter Monaro will play Rounds 6, 9, 11 and 16 at the National Sports Centre (Bruce Stadium). All other home matches will be played at Seiffert Oval.

\* Saturday Game

† 2.30 p.m. kick off

‡ 7.00 p.m. kick off









Gojevic with the Buffalo Cup.

**H**alley's Comet wasn't the only phenomenon to burst on to the scene in 1986, in Victoria at least, there's another rare visitation, the thinking man's coach, Miron Bleiberg.

Bleiberg has commanded as much attention among soccer-watchers as the comet has amongst astronomers, and with good cause.

For starters, what other club can boast of a coach who holds a B.A. in Economics, Maths and Business Administration . . . that is, after serving as a captain of a missile ship in the Israeli Navy?

And, despite that background, at 31 this month Bleiberg is still the youngest coach in the League. Youngest or not, his qualifications are second to none, because he's the type of fellow who goes after what he wants and his yearning for coaching knowledge has taken him all over Europe.

When he was 17, Miron Bleiberg was playing for Maccabi Haifa on the left wing, and in 1974 he played for Israel at Under 18 level in Holland.

Then came his compulsory call-up into the forces, in his case, the Navy. Well-

educated, he rose to officer rank and after three years he was commissioned, and playing with Beitar Haifa. He was also attending a coaching course, and did so well that he completed the three year course in two years, and inevitably, topped the class.

Then, he was player-coaching with Yokneam of the Israeli Second League, but when his old club Beitar was relegated to the Second League, it asked Bleiberg to take over. It was then that he stopped playing to concentrate on coaching, with such success that in two years he had lifted Beitar back into the State League.

He had been appointed a staff coach with the Israeli Coaching Association, and it sent him to the Cologne Sports School in Germany for three months. He built on what he learnt there with a month at Werder Bremen, then a month with Tottenham Hotspur, plus attendance at coaching

Schlomit's father was captain of a ship, so they sailed with him, and the first port of call was Sydney.

After a stay in Sydney, the Bleibergs came to Melbourne, and one day Miron wandered into a match at Olympic Park and was hooked again.

He was introduced to Croatia Manager Frank Burin and then appointed Youth coach. At the time it didn't seem like the start of a career, for Croatia has the reputation of being a coaches' graveyard. In just over two years in the National League it has had six coaches already. In 1984 Terry Hennessy had a short reign, Tommy Cumming was a caretaker-coach, then Tony Vrzina took over. At the end of '84, Vrzina was sacked, Cumming did the job again for a while, then Dom Kapetanovic arrived. Kapetanovic survived until late '85, and then he too was sacked and Bleiberg took over.



Melbourne Croatia with the 1985 Dockerty Cup, 1986 Buffalo Cup and the Ansett Challenge Shield. BACK ROW (left to right): Zelko Grbin, Jack Skoblar, Steve Mandekic, Branko Kuzmar (committeemen), Andrew Albert (Asst. Coach), Ante Ljubic, Mirko Runje, Dave McIntosh, Mark Taljic, Ivan Jurcic, Gary Ward, Miron Bleiberg (Coach), Frank Burin, Frank Zepackic (committeemen), Joe Sigur (President). FRONT ROW (left to right): Davor Todoric, Robert Markovac, John Guscic, Tony Redmond, Josep Biskic, Steve Gojevic, George Hannah, Jim Campbell, Goran Trogrlic, Tony Curcio, Drago Deankovic.

seminars run by Jupp Derwall, Billy Bingham and Bobby Robson.

His last coaching stint was with Maccabi Haifa as youth coach. In 1984 he got itchy feet, sold his share in a prosperous clothing business, married his fiancée, Schlomit and set out on a round-the-world honeymoon.

For Bleiberg the timing was good, Melbourne Croatia had reached the semi-final of the Dockerty Cup, and he had plenty of time during the season to watch his opponents, Juventus, and by then he had a game plan to beat them. He also knew that he was on trial for bigger things. Croatia duly beat Juve, and went on to win the

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# E CROATIA

Dockerty Cup, beating Preston 2-0 in the Final.

Bleiberg went back to Israel for a holiday in November last year, knowing that he had the senior coaching job to come back to.

Bleiberg's first impression of Australian soccer was its lack of professionalism. 'I couldn't believe', he says, 'that professionals were training only three nights a week . . . and some of that was only half-hearted. In Israel, youth teams train harder than that, and they don't regard themselves as professional'. He already had fixed ideas about what he wanted when he went on holiday last November.

'I told the committee I would only take on the job as long as I could get the squad I wanted. My ideal squad would be three players for every two positions and two goalkeepers. That's 16, and also four of the best youth players should come along from time to time to absorb the first team atmosphere.

When I left I asked the committee to get me a defensive midfielder, and I mentioned two, Paul Wade and Mike Valentine, who at the time was unhappy at Heidelberg. They didn't get either, Valentine is now back in favour, and Wade is now out of reach. I want a defensive midfielder because all of my present midfielders, Josip Biskic, Ante Ljubic, Luka Bonacic, Jim Campbell and Steve Gojevic are all good ball-players who love to attack. When we got badly beaten recently 4-0 by Juventus, I would have been happy to close the game down at 2-0 and settled for that, calling it one of those days. But my fellows kept pressing forward, trying to score, so things just went from bad to worse.

Here's how Bleiberg sees his squad:

Goalkeeper **Mirko Runje**, who was dropped after having a snaky game against Juventus. 'Mirko is the only player who hasn't improved on last season. He was sensational last year, and went to Russia with the Youth squad. But he thinks he's a ready star when he's really still learning his trade. Now he has . . . how do you say it . . . a big head. He'll be in the reserves until he wakes up to himself.'

**Zeljko Govic** started with us as third goalkeeper, grabbed his chance when Runje went to Russia. Getting more confident all the time.

**Drago Deankovic** 'He's so very consistent and nearly impassable in the air. Dave is the lynch-pin of our defence and he's been so good that we've not missed Shaun Parton at all.

**George Hannah**, McIntosh's defensive partner. 'What a hard man, how could South Melbourne afford to let him go? He's very quick too, surprisingly so'.

**Tony Curcio**, sweeper. 'He stepped in when Jojo Antolovic went back to Yugoslavia. Having been a winger, his greatest asset is his speed. He has such good ball control that sometimes he forgets where he's playing and tries to be too clever.

**Jim Campbell** 'I think this is going to be Jim's best year at Croatia. I had to sort him out early last year. He had been in and out of the first team, and it seemed his appetite for the game had gone, so I had to push him. He's very valuable in the midfield . . . a sort of midfielder-sweeper, because he's so versatile, don't forget, he's seventh on the all-time goalscorers list with 66 goals'.

**Luka Bonacic** 'The press tried to make out that I had a problem with Luka, but I hadn't. He's a very clever and experienced player that the others can learn a lot from.

**Josip Biskic** 'We all know that Josip is one of the best players in Australia, but believe me, he's going to surpass all his previous form this year.'

**Ante Ljubic** 'Ante is very, very skilful and has a good shot with both feet. But he still hasn't learned that Australian soccer is very physical, and he has to get stuck in more (is that the right expression?).

**Steve Gojevic** 'Steve's just as skilful, in my opinion, as Oscar Crino was, but he has an introverted personality, and he has to blossom out a little and assert himself more . . . be as cheeky, if you like as Oscar was. He's unlucky with injuries too, last year an ankle injury kept him out of the Soccerroo squad, and he's dying to play for Australia'.



**First Ansett Challenge Shield winner.**

**Gary Ward** 'Gary's a born striker, he only knows to score goals. He's the first player I bought, and he's always going to be a match-winner for you'.

**Davor Todoric** One of the most skilful and entertaining ball players in the country, but like Ljubic, he's still playing the Continental way, he's going to have to learn to mix it'.

You see, the man's a thinker and he's frank with it. When you ask him how it is that Melbourne Croatia looked so great in the Buffalo Cup, he says quite simply 'preparation. They were prepared better in this close season than ever before, and it paid off.'

From the time that Bleiberg took over, Croatia played 11 games for 11 wins, picking up three trophies, the Dockerty Cup, the Buffalo Cup and the Ansett Challenge Shield, and every game was played at Olympic Park.

Then came the crunch, or so it seemed. Croatia went to Green Gully for the opening game of the season, and dropped a point. Next came the 4-0 thrashing from Juventus.

Bleiberg explains it all quite simply. 'We had picked up three trophies in a short time, and we were getting highly praised, and it was bound to affect the players somewhat. Those who thought they only had to go on to the park to win got an awakening . . . sometimes a defeat does you good . . . there's no need for panic'.

Somenow, when you listen to Miron Bleiberg for a while, you soon realise that giving way to panic is the last thing he would do. □

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# National Youth League (Southern Division)

## JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT THE KEY

The Southern Division National Youth League is entering its third year and is rapidly closing the gap in standards between it and the Northern Division.

Clubs in the Northern Division have been well served in player development in recent years both through their own clubs and players from the Australian Institute of Sport who participate in that division.

The inception of the Southern Division of the Youth League was viewed with some scepticism by clubs, but any doubts are quickly being removed. The League provides a vehicle by which clubs can continue the development of players who come through the junior system.

It is an important period in the player's career as he endeavours to make the transition into senior ranks.

Ron Greenwood, former England manager, once said that the most important coach in the club is the Youth Coach.

That philosophy took a little time to filter through to our National League Clubs but a look around the club youth coaches in 1986 suggests the message is finally getting through.

Coaches of the calibre of Jim Rooney, Tony Brown, George Gillan, Luka Bonacic provide evidence that young players will be better prepared for the Big League.

The Southern Division is made up of youth teams from the eight National League Teams in Melbourne plus four youth teams from Clubs in the Victorian Soccer Federation.

It's been difficult for the teams from the V.S.F. Clubs as they are very often faced with the task of fielding a 1st, reserve and youth team on the same day. As a result they have at times become the chopping block for the National League Teams.

However, that situation has now been redressed somewhat and the games are much tighter which obviously makes for better competition.

Brighton whose 1st team struggles in the lower reaches of the Victorian League 4th Division, has adopted a very positive approach to redressing that situation.

It has entered the National Youth League to develop its own players and hopefully have a 1st team in a division more in keeping with its excellent facilities.

Under Coach Oscar Gonzo they have started very well with 5 points out of 8 and already have expectations about several players such as Ross Scacco, Giagiozidis and Vince Mordolo. One of their players Paul Trimboli is currently in the Australian Institute of Sport but his brother Don is currently playing with Brighton and is seeking to emulate him.

Frankston Pines is still attempting to overcome the 3 teams in a day problem but is ambitious enough to succeed. Recent results show the club is fast overcoming the problem and former junior State representative Doug Hodgson is catching the eye of club coach Danny McMinimee.

Sunshine George Cross has the wily Jimmy Rooney at the helm. Jimmy who represented Australia 100 times has very definite ideas on Youth Development with one of his key words being "patience".

"Clubs must realise it takes time to build a team and develop players" says Jim and whilst his players are subject to a lot of discipline he is careful that they are also given plenty of licence to show their ability.

Victorian representative John Markovski has already had a taste of 1st team soccer and is obviously one to watch. Others are defender Andrew Marth, Strikers Tony Jankolovski and Baz Bozinovski.

Melbourne Croatia has 1st team player Luka Bonacic at the helm and should benefit from his vast experience.

It is very anxious to develop its own players and Bonacic along with 1st team coach Miron Bleiberg is looking for players to follow Robert Markovac into the 1st team.

Currently former Australian Under 16 years representative Mark Talajic is making great strides towards a 1st team spot.

Former Sth Melbourne youth coach Tony Brown who led his team to the top of the table in 1984 and 1985 has transferred to Brunswick Utd Juventus. That club will be hoping he repeats the success he had at Souths.

He is excited about the depth of talent at the club and is expecting great things from Joe Montemurro, Fausto Deamicis and a young fullback John Kapolitsas.

Heidelberg Utd. has enlisted former player George Gillan to coach the youngsters. This team has already supplied players to the 1st team like John Metaxas, Steve Tasios (now at South Melbourne Hellas) and Nick Deligiannis.

Currently defender Nick Ousalkas is an exciting prospect along with Australian Under 16 years representative Stan Thodis and striker John Anastasiadis.

South Melbourne Hellas has topped this division in the past two years and new youth coach Eddie Efthimiou is under pressure to repeat the success. Great things are expected from new signing Chris Andriotis a striker from Clifton Hill and goalkeeper Con Giatas signed from Yarraville who has had a superb start to the season.

Preston are under the guidance of former 1st team coach Quito Gusdamov who is excited about the prospect of Michael Brian, Paul Koussas, George Slifkas and Boris Momirovski.

All these players have tasted 1st team soccer already this season and team coach, Bill Murray, keeps a close eye on their progress as the players join in occasional coaching sessions with the senior squad.

Green Gully is coached by Joe Camillieri who maintains a close liaison with senior coach George Murray. Joe is already confident that Goalkeeper Charlie Sant and striker Peter Kadlecik have got what it takes to reach the higher level. Former Moreland player David Pace has also impressed George Murray.

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*In that time he has closely followed and reported on National and local competitions and internationally has covered three World Youth Championships.*

*Geoff, who also has played the game for the past 16 years, is editor of the Queensland Soccer Federation's weekly magazine "Go Soccer".*

In a year which looms as the most crucial in a decade of the National competition, it is not surprising the future of the two Queensland clubs has been placed in the hands of the State's favourite soccer sons.

Col Bennett and Jim Hermiston were household names in Queensland soccer in the thriving years of the Philips League, as a central duo with Lions, the pair were unrivalled. A combination of strength and skill, a mixture of determination and courage.

But for Hermiston's ineligibility because of previous Scottish International Honours, the pair could well have formed the backbone of the Socceroo defence.

Now they are the muscle behind Queensland's bid to maintain a dual representation in next year's revised NSL format.

Hermiston was re-appointed as Brisbane City coach this year while Bennett joined him in the NSL coaching ranks when he recently replaced Gordon Arrowsmith at Lions.

And it could prove to be the best move both clubs have made since they took the plunge and signed the inaugural National League document.

Hermiston has become a legend in Australian soccer since he emigrated from Scotland in 1977. At the time he was one of the best credentialled players to come to Queensland.

A former Aberdeen player with a remarkable 362 games under his belt, Hermiston was voted Scotland's player of the year in 1974.

He began his Australian career with Grange Thistle, who were then in the Queensland Second Division, and that first season was to stamp Hermiston as an

ironman of soccer. A fitness machine that had to be seen to be believed.

After only two games with Thistle, it was obvious Hermiston was far too classy for the standard within the League and it was not surprising when neighbours City approached the Grange Club to loan their Scottish star.

And so Hermiston took on a workload which only one with his determination could see through. The Scotsman, then 31, began playing two matches a weekend — Saturdays' for Thistle, Sundays' for Brisbane City in the National League. In one four-day period in August in his first season, Hermiston played on each of the four days. As some were cup ties which required extra time, Hermiston ended up playing six hours 20 minutes of football in four days.

There was one memorable week which left Hermiston's name etched permanently in the annals of Queensland sport.

The series of matches started on October 1, 1977, when Hermiston played for Grange Thistle in the Division Two Grand Final against their chief rivals Sunnyside. With a goal from Hermiston, Grange won 2-1 and were promoted to the First Division the following year.

The next day, Hermiston lined up for Brisbane City to meet the in-form Sydney side, Western Suburbs in a quarter-final of the \$5,000 Philips Cup knockout competition. After 120 minutes of football, penalties were required to break the deadlock and City advanced with Hermiston being among the successful penalty takers.

Just three days later Hermiston was in action again, against West Adelaide in a Cup semi-final, again the scores were deadlocked at the end of normal time, but City broke the scoreless draw with three goals in extra time to advance to the Final.

Amazingly the run continued for Hermiston. Queensland was scheduled to play Australia in a trial match before the Socceroos left on an overseas tour, the match was the night before City's cup final against Marconi at Perry Park.

The National League players were given the choice to withdraw from the team, but

Hermiston sparked by the honour of being chosen for his newly adopted State refused to pull out. In a sensational performance he guided the Maroons to a thrilling 4-4 draw after Queensland had trailed Australia 0-3 at half time.

The next day was to be equally memorable. Hermiston was to guide City to an exciting extra-time win over Marconi to clinch the inaugural cup.

A \$30,000 switch to Lions was to follow where he would team with Bennett. The matching was perfection and Hermiston went on to win the coveted NSL Player of the Year Award 1980. An indication of his dominance that year was the vote tally — Hermiston polled 34 points to be a runaway leader ahead of Adelaide City's Agenor Muniz on 23.5.

While Hermiston reaped many of the honours and much of the praise, he was the first to pay credit to his No. 5, Bennett. The pair were good friends throughout their playing days and could always be found in the same corner in the Lions dressing room.

While Bennett at times may have thought he was somewhat in his friend's shadow in the NSL arena, the burly stopper excelled in a level where Hermiston had sadly been ruled ineligible.

Even today, Bennett's 55 appearances for Australia remain as his proudest achievements in a long career.

The Sydney-born defender came to Queensland as a 24-year-old in 1977. He was signed for \$7000 from the then non-NSL club Apia Leichhardt. At that stage he had played nine full internationals for Australia, partnering the incomparable Peter Wilson in the Socceroos defence.

Bennett did not take long to stamp himself as a class defender . . . strong in the air, fierce in the tackle and with an undying competitive spirit. Many times he took the field as the walking wounded, yet without letting on his pain.

He was extremely effective in the air and at one stage in 1981 was Lions leading scorer.

# QUEENSLAND PREVIEW

By Geoff Stead



# QUEENSLAND'S FAVOURITE SONS ARE BACK IN CHARGE

## — QUEENSLAND HAS A POINT TO PROVE —

When Hermiston retired, Bennett continued on for another season, but eventually a pinched sciatic nerve . . . and a promising upcoming youngster named Alan Hunter (now a Soccerroo hope with Heidelberg) prompted Bennett to call it a day in the NSL.

At the end of their NSL careers, neither Hermiston nor Bennett could leave the game — it was in their blood. Hermiston went to Premier League side North Star, where he figured in an Ampol Cup win, while Bennett went to intermediate League club Rochdale and guided them to a Grand Final success.

But legends are often recalled and it seemed inevitable that the pair would eventually rise back to the top and become the State's NSL coaches.

And their approaches are as determined as was their play.

"I have waited for my chance and I am not going to let it slip by," Bennett said. "As a player I always wanted to play at the highest possible level and I adopt the same attitude to my coaching. I eventually want to coach Australia."

As far as Lions are concerned, Bennett has no illusions as to the job ahead. Survival is the key note.

"We are a good team, it's just that sometimes we tend to lose concentration. The players have to learn to be more disciplined, I would have loved to have had a bit more time to sort things out, but with this season being so crucial, we have to start doing it right away. Unfortunately, I may be judged at this level on whether we retain our NSL place or not."

Similarly, Hermiston realises Brisbane City have everything against them in their bid to be part of the new format. Under the criteria, City virtually has to win either the championship or the Australian Final. But Hermiston attacks that goal with the same enthusiasm of his early days in Australia.

"Each game is like a Cup Final but we have the players with the skill to compete with other sides. If we take each game as it comes and every member of the team ensures he does his job, then we should have no fears," he said.

One thing is for certain, if Queensland's two NSL clubs go down this year, they will go fighting. Thanks to the leadership of Hermiston and Bennett. Two greats of Australian soccer.

Queensland's annual showdown with New South Wales will take on a new competitiveness when the two State sides, bristling with National League talent, clash at Perry Park on June 1.

Interstate rivalry between the Maroons and Blues has always been keen, but following the events of April's Australian Soccer Federation Executive Meeting, Queensland has a point to prove.

The Queensland Soccer Federation originally proposed to play the annual interstate clash on May 11, but as that date clashed with a full round of National League fixtures, the ASF Executive instead recommended the postponement.

While the move angered the Queensland officials and caused a massive reshuffle of the State's Representative Program, it has ensured that both State teams will be as strong as possible. June 1 has been set aside for the quarter-finals of the Nanda Cup and only a limited number of NSL teams will be involved. The rest can provide players to their State teams.

Queensland coach Bruce Stowell has already picked a Queensland squad and the State's two National League sides provided 14 of the 18 players chosen to begin preparations for the NSW game.

Lions dominated the squad with nine players selected. They were: Wayne Evans, Steve Jackson, Alan Niven, Russell Stewart, John Stewart, John Ogden, Danny Wright, Jim Morton and David Hunter.

Five City players were chosen: Kim Wishart, Glenn Archer, Frank Mengotti, Garry Bromfield and Kieran Cooper. The four non-NSL players in the squad are: Gordon Buchanan (North Star), Mike Cernaka (Olympic United), Martin Kirsopp (Mount Gravatt) and Dave Wheeler (Coalstars).

Wright and Morton, Lions' new signings from St. Johnstone, are expected to spearhead the Maroons attack. The pair were in devastating form in the pre-season but tragically were struck by injuries in the opening rounds of the competition. Without the duo, Lions struggled and took only one point from a possible six in the first three games.

Brisbane City's Irish striker Kieran Cooper is another likely to be included in the starting team against the Blues. Since arriving in Brisbane, Cooper has gone from strength to strength and his skills helped City to a morale-boosting 1-0 win over Green Gully in the Third Round. That result gave City a total of three points from the first three rounds and kept them well in touch with the leaders.

David Hunter's inclusion in the squad earmarks him as a possible replacement for his older brother Alan, who has now transferred to Heidelberg United. David started the season extremely well and showed no signs of inexperience despite his 18 years, but unluckily he was shown the red card after a clash with Adelaide City's Bugsy Nyskohus in the third round.

John Stewart was last year's State Captain and looks to be the logical choice again this time. Stewart is still hoping to win National team selection for the forthcoming Olympic qualifying tournament.

His younger brother Russell, a former young Soccerroo, is another who is in the running for a green and gold recall on his form this season.

The postponement of the interstate game has allowed Stowell more time to review his squad and he has not ruled out the possibility of deleting or adding names to the 18 originally chosen. One player who could come in may be stopper Frank Liddell.

Liddell, a former Brisbane City player who has spent the past 14 months back in Scotland with St. Johnstone, was signed by Lions after being released by City.

Whoever makes the final New South Wales and Queensland line-ups, the game is certain to be a skilful representation of the best from the National League. A credit to the clubs and the competition.



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 Thursday, June 5, 7.45 am:  
 / Scotland v Denmark on SBS-TV.  
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 / Italy v Argentina on SBS-TV.  
 Saturday, June 7, 3.45 am:  
 / Brazil v Algeria on SBS-TV.  
 Sunday, June 8, 7.45 am:  
 / Poland v Portugal on SBS-TV.  
 Monday, June 9, 3.45 am:  
 / West Germany v Scotland on SBS-TV.  
 Tuesday, June 10, 3.45 am:  
 / Hungary v France on SBS-TV.  
 Wednesday, June 11, 3.45 am:  
 / Argentina v Bulgaria on SBS-TV.  
 Thursday, June 12, 7.45 am:

England v Poland on SBS-TV.  
 Friday, June 13, 3.45 am:  
 Northern Ireland v Brazil on SBS-TV.  
 Saturday, June 14, 3.45 am:  
 Scotland v Uruguay on SBS-TV.  
 Monday, June 16, time to be announced:  
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 Monday, June 23, 6.15 am:  
 Quarter-finals three and four on ABC.  
 Thursday, June 26, 6.15 am:  
 Both semi-finals on ABC.  
 Sunday, June 29, 6.15 am:  
 Third-place match on ABC.  
 Monday, June 30, 3.45 am:  
 World Cup Final on ABC.

## 1986 FIFA WORLD CUP—FINAL COMPETITION—MATCH SCHEDULE

|             |                                     | 1st Round - Group Matches |                 |                 |                 |                  |                 |               |                 |               |               |                 |                   |                  |                | 2nd Round - 1/4 Finals |                |                |                 | Quarter Finals    |                  | Semi-Finals    | 3rd/4th Place    | Final          | Matches/ Stadium |
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| A           | Puebla<br>Estadio Cuauhtémoc        | Opening Match Group A     |                 |                 |                 |                  |                 |               |                 |               |               |                 |                   |                  |                |                        |                |                |                 |                   |                  |                |                  |                |                  |
|             | Mexico City<br>Estadio Olímpico 98  |                           |                 | ARG<br>v<br>KOR |                 |                  |                 |               |                 |               |               |                 |                   |                  |                |                        |                |                |                 |                   |                  |                |                  |                |                  |
| B           | Mexico City<br>Estadio Azteca 2000  | BUL<br>v<br>ITA           |                 |                 |                 |                  |                 |               |                 |               |               |                 |                   |                  |                |                        |                |                |                 |                   |                  |                |                  |                |                  |
|             | Toluca<br>Estadio de Toluca         |                           |                 | BEL<br>v<br>MEX |                 |                  |                 |               |                 |               |               |                 |                   |                  |                |                        |                |                |                 |                   |                  |                |                  |                |                  |
| C           | León<br>Estadio de León             |                           | CAN<br>v<br>FRA |                 |                 |                  |                 |               |                 |               |               |                 |                   |                  |                |                        |                |                |                 |                   |                  |                |                  |                |                  |
|             | Irapuato<br>Estadio de Irapuato     |                           |                 | URS<br>v<br>HUN |                 |                  |                 |               |                 |               |               |                 |                   |                  |                |                        |                |                |                 |                   |                  |                |                  |                |                  |
| D           | Guadalajara<br>Estadio Jalisco      |                           | ESP<br>v<br>BRA |                 |                 |                  |                 |               |                 |               |               |                 |                   |                  |                |                        |                |                |                 |                   |                  |                |                  |                |                  |
|             | Guadalajara<br>Estadio 3 de Marzo   |                           |                 | ALG<br>v<br>NIR |                 |                  |                 |               |                 |               |               |                 |                   |                  |                |                        |                |                |                 |                   |                  |                |                  |                |                  |
| E           | Querétaro<br>Estadio La Corregidora |                           |                 |                 | URU<br>v<br>FRG |                  |                 |               |                 |               |               |                 |                   |                  |                |                        |                |                |                 |                   |                  |                |                  |                |                  |
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| F           | Monterrey<br>Estadio Universitario  |                           |                 | MOR<br>v<br>POL |                 |                  |                 |               |                 |               |               |                 |                   |                  |                |                        |                |                |                 |                   |                  |                |                  |                |                  |
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Abbreviations key to the abbreviations used in the match schedule:  
 ITA Italy, MEX Mexico, FRA France, BRA Brazil, FRG Germany FR, POL Poland, ARG Argentina, PAR Paraguay, URS USSR, ALG Algeria, SCO Scotland, POR Portugal, BUL Bulgaria, BEL Belgium, CAN Canada, ESP Spain, URU Uruguay, MOR Morocco, KOR Korea Rep, IRQ Iraq, HUN Hungary, NIR Northern Ireland, DEN Denmark, ENG England.



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Desira came to Australia in 1974 as an 18 year old from Malta where he already dabbled in journalism editing a magazine for a sports club where he was secretary and writing about his local club Zejtun Corinthians.

In Australia apart from providing a comprehensive coverage of the Olympic Airways League, Desira has been sent on three overseas assignments for "The Sun".

He has covered the 1983 World Youth Championship in Mexico and the 1985 WYC finals in USSR as well as covering the away leg of the World Cup play off between the Socceroos and Scotland.

He has been named soccer journalist of the year by the Victorian Soccer Federation in 1983, '84 and '85.

**T**here has been a big influx of new blood among the eight Melbourne clubs for the 1986 season of the Olympic Airways Soccer League.

Nearly 30 new players have been signed by the eight clubs to compensate for the loss of the big names who have been snapped up by interstate and overseas clubs.

The notable departures are Oscar Crino, who moved to Anorthosis in Cyprus for \$35,000 from South Melbourne, Charlie Yankos, the Socceroo sweeper who transferred from Heidelberg to Adelaide Hellas for \$30,000, Robbie Dunn, another big signing by Adelaide Hellas whose move from Preston Makedonia cost \$21,000, Stuart Stevenson whose \$13,000 transfer to Sydney Olympic was decided by the OASL tribunal, Don MacLeod and Joe Carroll who left Footscray for Blacktown in Sydney.

# VICTORIAN PREVIEW

By **Peter Desira**

## NEW FACES FOR OLD



Let's take a closer look at the big name newcomers and introduce them as they embark on what already appears to be another bumper year for Victorian soccer.

**Scott Fraser.** Defender who was in the Glasgow Rangers first team squad for two years and narrowly missed touring Australia with the club in 1984. Played 8 matches in the Premier League and toured Holland with the club playing Johan Cruyff's Ajax. Moved to East Fife for a two month period and then played part-time with Berwick Rangers before accepting an offer to join Green Gully. Recommended to the club by Ranger's manager Jock Wallace. Played most of his games in Scotland at fullback but Gully signed him specifically to solve the problem sweeper position. Made his debut for Green Gully in the Nanda Cup 1st Round tie against Croydon (L0-3 26.3.86). Age: 21.

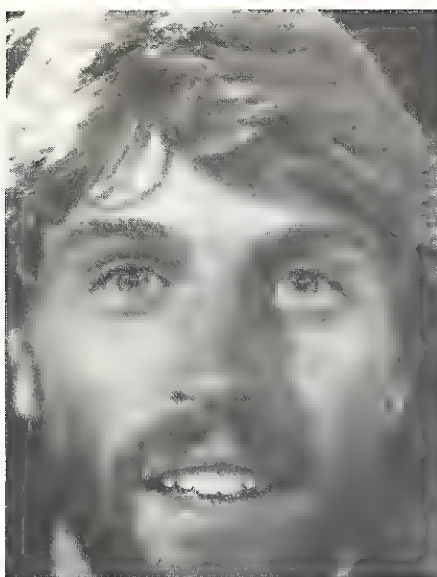
**Vlado Stosic.** Came up through the junior ranks at Red Star Belgrade in Yugoslavia under the expert coaching of Drago Sekularac. Broke into the senior team in 1984 playing five matches but Sekularac convinced the club to release him once the coach accepted the coaching position at Footscray. Stosic is still only 21 — seven years younger than the age Yugoslav players are allowed to join overseas clubs — but once Red Star gave permission, the Yugoslav FA looked on the application for a move to Australia favourably. Stosic made an impressive debut for Footscray in

the Nanda Cup 1st Round match against George Cross (W1-1 on pens, 23.3.86) but was sent off after misunderstanding a refereeing instruction. The youngster has been used by Sekularac mainly in an attacking midfield position.

**Con Pappas.** Melbourne born player who has returned to Australia after an eight year stint in Greece during which he played for Yannina in the Greek First Division. Turned up at Heidelberg asking for a trial and impressed coach Brian Garvey at training to gain a contract with the club. Heidelberg's lengthy injury list gained him a quick promotion into the first team and he made his debut in the 2-1 win over Preston Makedonia in the Nanda Cup 1st Round (22.3.86). Competing for a wide midfield spot.

**Zoran Nikitovic.** Goalkeeper who toured Australia with Partizan Belgrade in 1979. After Partizan, he had four years with Buducnost and one season with his most recent club Napredak. He originated from Suteska Nikic. The keeper played 24 times for the Yugoslav Youth team and eight times for the junior selection. Nikitovic, 28, played in the 1976 European Junior Championship along with Zajec, Petrovic, Siskovic and Halilhodzic. He is the second of three players recruited by Drago Sekularac to join Footscray. Made his debut for the club in the Buffalo Gold Cup against Preston Makedonia (L0-1 7.2.86) and has already more than lived up to his reputation.





**Danny Ward (above).** Striker signed by Green Gully from Melbourne for \$3,500. Was one of the last bunch of players brought out from England by Prahran Slavia in 1979 from the Liverpool area. Played 15 State League games for the club before moving to Melbourne where he spent five years helping the club regain its State League status. Was sought by Footscray and trained with the club but accepted the Green Gully offer. The 28 year old made his debut for Gully in the Nanda Cup 1st Round against Croydon (L0-3 26.3.86).

**Vojislav Vukcevic.** 29 year old defender being used as sweeper by Footscray. Had nine seasons with Buducnost, the latter few as captain. Played for New York Cosmos in 1984 and Malmoe in Sweden in 1985. Has a knack for scoring important goals. His most memorable one was a last minute equaliser for Cosmos against Independiente of Argentina only a week after the Argentinian club had beaten Liverpool in the World Club Cup in Tokyo. The third of the imports recruited by Drago Sekularac, Vukcevic made his debut for Footscray v Preston Makedonia in the Buffalo Gold Cup (L0-1, 7.2.86).

**Alan Hunter.** The most expensive interstate signing gained by Melbourne soccer this season. Hunter moved from Brisbane Lions to Heidelberg for \$17,000 with the principal aim of strengthening his chances of National team selection. Promoted to Lions' senior team in 1983 after playing for Queensland at junior representative level. Hunter is a centreback who loves to go forward and his forays at Lions landed him seven goals in 75 OASL appearances. Made his debut at Heidelberg v Preston Makedonia in the Buffalo Gold Cup (D1-1, 24.1.86) and has now taken over the role of penalty taker at Heidelberg. Age: 21.

Apart from those big names, there are several other top players who will be having their first full year in the National League with Melbourne clubs this year. They include:

**Davor Todoric.** Striker who was top scorer at Zadar when the club won promotion from the Croatian League to the Yugoslav Second Division at the end of 1984-85. Started out in Hajduk Split's juniors and also played for NK Zagreb. The 26 year old made an immediate impact on the Australian scene scoring soon after coming on as substitute in the Buffalo Gold Cup semi-final 3-2 win over Sunshine George Cross (1.3.86). Made his full debut the following week in the Buffalo Gold Cup final (W2-1 v Heidelberg 8.3.86). Also scored on his OASL debut v Green Gully (D1-1 30.3.86).

**Ron Campbell.** Rothmans Gold medallist of the West Australian State League in 1985, the midfielder transferred from Sterling Makedonia to Preston Makedonia for \$4,000 mid February. Came to Australia in 1980 after helping Bonnyrigg Rose to win the Scottish Junior Cup. Spent three years at Perth Azzurri and was in the 1981 team that won the WA State League and both cup competitions in WA. Crossed to Sterling in 1983 and figured in three successive State League Championship wins with the club. Also was in the WA State side scoring the winning goal in the 2-1 win over the Socceroos before the National team went to Singapore to take out the Merlion Cup in 1983. The midfielder, 26, gave up a managerial position with K-Mart in Perth to move to Melbourne. Debut for Preston v Sunshine George Cross in the Buffalo Gold Cup (L0-1 22.2.86).

**Alan Davidson.** An old face making a return to Melbourne after a year's stint at Nottingham Forest in the English First Division. Forest signed him for \$30,000 after he impressed playing for the Socceroos against the club in 1984. Made his debut for Forest v Watford (1.12.84 A L0-2) and played three First Division games for Forest but was plagued by injuries including a back injury which sidelined him for four months. Started out in Altona City's juniors and played 41 State League games in '77-'78 before signing for South Melbourne for a bargain \$1,000. Made 142 OASL appearances in six years with the club before joining Forest. Davidson graduated from the Australian Youth team into the senior Socceroos in 1980 and has to date played 45 matches for Australia. South Melbourne signed him back from Forest for \$10,000. Scored in his first game back for South Melbourne in the 5-1 win over Juventus Pioneer of Tasmania in the 1st Round of the Nanda Cup (23.3.86). Used mainly in midfield although he played at fullback for Forest and the Socceroos.

**Ian Roodhouse.** An \$8,000 signing by Preston Makedonia from Box Hill, Roodhouse has rejoined Bill Murray the coach who gave him his senior chance in the State League. Roodhouse was an automatic choice at right back for the Hillmen and was ever present in the 1983 and '84 State League campaigns. He missed out on Young Socceroo selection in spite of strong recommendations from VSF coaching director Tim White, then took eight months off to go to UK where he trialled at Crystal Palace. Returned to Melbourne mid '85 and added nine more State League appearances for Box Hill. At Preston he made his debut v Heidelberg in the Buffalo Gold Cup (D1-1 24.1.86) and has already claimed the rightback position as his own. Still only 21.



**John Markovski (pictured).** The youngest ever player in the OASL making his debut for George Cross as a 15 year old coming on as a substitute in the Nanda Cup 1st Round match v Footscray (L1-1 on pens. 23.3.86). Markovski came up through the junior ranks at Sunshine Heights. Introduced to the senior side after impressing coach John Gardiner, who has a growing reputation for spotting young talent (he gave senior debuts to Eddie Krncevic, Steve Gojevic and Robert Markovac). Now in the running for a spot in the Australian Youth team after being called up as the main striker for Victoria in the upcoming National Youth Championship.





**Ossie Latif.**

**Mike McLennan**, a product of Nunawading City's juniors, who has returned to Melbourne after a two year stint at the Institute of Sport. McLennan, who played for Australia's young Socceroos in the World Youth Championship finals in USSR last year, is competing for a fullback position at Preston Makedonia.

**Nick Van Egmond**. A gifted midfielder who broke into senior soccer as a 15 year old at Mornington in the Victorian League and has since played for Helias in the State League and Nunawading City in the Victorian League. He has joined Preston Makedonia as a midfielder. Nick is the son of former Ringwood City and Victorian State keeper Nick snr.

**George Slifkas**. A product of Preston Makedonia's juniors who made his full debut in the 0-1 away win at West Adelaide (13.4.86) after making two substitute appearances for the club.

**Kevin Innes**. A utility who started out at Altona City then spent three years with Polonia Maribyrnong. John Gardiner, who joined George Cross as coach after being in charge of Polonia, has signed Innes for \$2,000.

**Pat Marrama**, an outstanding young prospect who joined Brunswick Juventus from East Brunswick and filled in admirably for first choice keeper Yakka Banovic throughout the Buffalo Gold cup series.

**Joe Vissini**. A centre back at Broadmeadows in the State and Victorian League who has been converted to fullback since his \$2,000 transfer to Green Gully.

**Fab Barichello**. Green Gully's youth team Player of the Year in 1985 who has been impressive since being given his chance in the seniors at the club.

**Ken Drakeford**. Returned to Australia after a six year absence in which he played for three clubs in New Zealand. He first came to Australia in 1979 after completing his apprenticeship at Wolves and played 12 games for South Melbourne.

**Peter Reynolds**. A right winger who was recommended to Green Gully by Jock Wallace. Wallace signed Reynolds on apprentice forms at Leicester City when Reynolds was 17. Reynolds then followed the manager to Motherwell. The winger has recently had spells at Armadale Thistle and Stoneyburn in Scotland.

Apart from the new blood, there are a number of not so new faces who are appearing in new colours following big money transfers.

They include **Ossie Latif**, George Cross' top scorer last year who transferred to Footscray for \$15,000.

**Steve Tasios** who joined South Melbourne in a swop deal involving John Kanesoulis and \$5,000 after a lengthy dispute with Heidelberg

**Scott Patterson**, the subject of a long running dispute with Heidelberg who has joined Brunswick Juventus for \$8,500.

**John Yzendoorn**, the captain of South Melbourne's NSL winning side in 1984, who joined Brunswick Juventus for \$13,000.

**Vlado Bozinovski**, who found it hard to nail down a regular spot at South Melbourne but has slotted in comfortably at Footscray under the coaching of Drago Sekularac following his \$8,000 transfer.

**Claude Lucchesi**, Green Gully's top player in 1985 who joined Heidelberg for \$5,000 after failing to agree on terms with Gully.

**Chris Kétsakidis**, who transferred from State League club Northcote City in 1985 after a long running dispute settled by the VSF tribunal. Ketsakidis, a former Victorian Youth representative and a fullback in the State League, broke into the Heidelberg senior team as a midfielder.

**Luka Bonacic**, a star player in Yugoslavia who came to Australia as a guest player for Footscray JUST last year and has now joined Melbourne Croatia on a two year contract as player as well as being on the coaching staff at the club.

**Steve Douglas**. Leftback who has already had three years of Victorian State League experience despite only being 19 years of age. Broke into the Albion senior side as a 15 year old and by the end of the 1985 season had played 63 State League games for the club. Moved to Green Gully for \$3,000 after rejecting offers from Sunshine George Cross and Footscray. Made his debut for Gully against Brunswick Juventus in the Buffalo Gold Cup (D1-1, 19.2.86) and has already been hailed by coach George Murray as a top player who is going to be a big asset for the club.



**Andy Higgins.**

**Andy Higgins**. Started out in England as a 16 year old apprentice at Chesterfield. Played one Third Division game for the club before joining Port Vale where he made 14 senior appearances and also had a spell on loan with Hartlepool (4 games). Switched from defender to striker once he joined Rochdale scoring six goals in 33 games in the English Fourth Division. His last club in England was Chester for whom he scored one goal in 19 appearances. Moved to South Australia in 1985 where he alternated between centreback and striker scoring eight goals for the Hellenic club. Joined Heidelberg after rejecting an offer from Box Hill. Made his debut as a substitute against Preston Makedonia in the Buffalo Gold Cup (D1-1, 24.1.86). Heidelberg originally signed him to add height to the forward line but Higgins, 26, has now settled into the central defensive role made vacant by the injury to George Christopoulos.





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**Allan Crisp** — Soccer is his specialty. Crisp played first division in the S.A. Soccer Association, was a State selector for the S.A. Soccer Federation and was often heard as a commentator on radio. He has covered two FA Cup finals at Wembley and the World Youth Championship in Mexico.

“I wish I'd never taken this job.” Those words were spoken — not by a disgruntled losing coach — but by Zoran Matic after Adelaide City had made its best start to an Olympic Airways Soccer League season in a decade.

The unexpected utterance came when City was sitting prettily at the top of the Southern Division and after it had beaten Brisbane Lions 2-0 to rack up its second win from three games.

Earlier City had opened its OASL campaign with a meritorious 2-2 draw with Heidelberg in Melbourne and then walloped Footscray at home 7-1.

But coach Matic wasn't looking at his team's lofty position on the championship ladder when he made his surprise statement.

His frustration was sparked by a back injury to his crack marksman Steve Maxwell, who had to be substituted in the 21st minute against Brisbane Lions.

Matic is not a man to, as the popular flavour-of-the-month saying goes, spit the dummy, but young Maxwell's injury came



SA Ampol Cup final captains Bugsy Nyskohus of Adelaide City (left) and Brian Welsh of Beograd lead their teams out onto the Hindmarsh Stadium. City won 2-0 with both goals coming from “Jumping” Joe Mullen.

right on top of serious injuries to ace City midfielders, Brian Northcote and Adrian Santrac.

Northcote suffered a snapped Achilles tendon and Santrac badly damaged his right knee, both during the near-record success over Footscray.

Straight after that game Matic said, “I would rather lose two games 7-0 than lose those two players.”

Northcote subsequently had an operation and will be sidelined for probably the rest of the season.

Santrac's problem — medial ligament strain to the same knee which he had surgery on to correct cruciate ligament damage when he was with Adelaide Hellas — was less serious than that of Northcote's.

Santrac confidently predicted that he would be back on the field for City's round four clash with Preston in Melbourne, but that assessment proved to be supremely optimistic.

There was, however, a ray of hope for Matic during the week following the Brisbane Lions game as X-rays to Maxwell's back showed no spinal breaks, but deep bruising to his lower lumbar region.

And while Matic had less to say about Charley Villani being

sent off against Lions, there can be no doubt that the red-card incident contributed to his, “I wish I'd never taken this job,” throw away line.

Villani's expulsion came after Matic and City's coaching coordinator John Perin had stressed to the enigmatic star that he must accept more responsibility to compensate for the absence of the experienced Northcote and Santrac.

But getting involved in a dust-up, albeit in an intermediary function, was not quite what Matic and Perin had in mind for Villani.

The alarming casualty list and that Villani send-off soured City's outstanding OASL beginning.

A beginning that not many believed City capable of in view of its poor previous record and its indifferent early Ampol Cup form.

City looked anything but a potential champion as it groped through the night series minor round, but Matic explained that he would bring the team gradually to a peak.

The plan worked to perfection and the record books show that Adelaide City won its 11th SA Ampol Cup final in 1986.



# SWEET START SOURED FOR ADELAIDE CITY

By Alan Crisp Soccer Writer of "The Advertiser" Adelaide

However, even that great triumph had its traumatic side as somehow, someone forgot to bring the playing strip to Hindmarsh Stadium.

As kick-off time approached and City failed to appear for its pre-match warm-up, SA Soccer Federation Secretary Peter Nikolich heard of the problem.

Mr Nikolich then loaned City the State team strip, but before opponent Beograd become confused about just who it would play, an Adelaide City official arrived with the gear after a "low-flying" return trip from Olympic Sports Field.

In donning their traditional black-and-white uniforms and discarding the SA strip the City players moved with speed which would have gladdened the heart of Gypsy Rose Lee.

The episode delayed the kick-off for 15 minutes, but it was a case of all's well that ends well for the Zebras.

Coach Matic is now seeking a similar scenario for the OASL season.



It's panic stations in the Adelaide City dressing room at the Hindmarsh Stadium on the right of the SA Ampol Cup final as the players change from the borrowed State team strip into their own uniforms. Pictured from left — Adrian Santrac, Aurelio Vidmar (back to camera), Steve Maxwell, Joe Mullen and Alex Tobin.

## NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE (SOUTHERN) — CONT.

Nunawading City, was one of the first V.S.F. teams in the League and has a club policy which makes the youth team the 2nd string team in the club (other V.S.F. teams take note).

Senior coach Jim Adam is no stranger to NSL soccer having coached West Adelaide to the title.

He maintains a close liaison with youth coach Derek Hurlston and has spent a lot of time with the youth players during the close season. This club now has 5 players in the senior team who have progressed through the youth squad in the last 2 seasons. Currently Craig Font and Mark Howells are knocking at the senior team's door.

Rafael Disensi, Tony Neil, Michael Caric, Antony Gutt are 16 year olds who have come through the junior system at the club and look to have promising futures.

The senior team is currently leading its division and the youth team took great pleasure in achieving a 1-1 draw in a recent friendly game. Fawcner is one of the Victorian League Teams who are suffering from the problem of fielding 3 teams in one day. The promising players at the club are currently playing in the reserves and the youth team is made up of very young players and unfortunately this is reflected in their earlier results

having already conceded 17 goals and scored 1 in 4 games.

Footscray senior coach Dragoslav Sekularac spends a lot of time with the youth team and is constantly monitoring the progress of the players along with his assistant Frank Simonovic.

Lopatic is a well known name at the club and young Igor looks like keeping it alive. Sasha Brkic is another promising player in a very young squad of 16 year olds who have come through the junior system.

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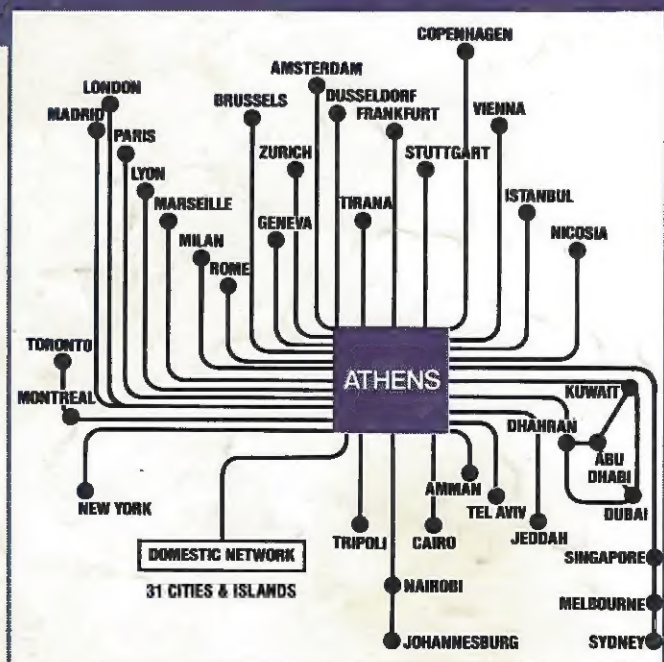




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